



Helping Homeless Veterans and Families
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Dear Friend:

As we prepare to celebrate this Veterans Day, I ask that you pause and recognize those who have served or are still serving in our nation's military, and to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation. If only for one day a year, please take the time to say "thank you for serving" to a veteran. Throughout history those in military service have put themselves in harm's way for the sake of our country and to protect those waiting at home.

Many men and women have lost their lives fighting for their country. Some have visible scars or missing limbs as reminders while others carry their scars deep inside. Too many of our veterans cannot find their way back to a 'home of their own' and end up on the streets in a daily fight for survival against substance abuse, mental health issues and violence. Their main concerns revolve around finding a warm and safe place to sleep and filling their empty stomachs.

No veteran should ever be homeless! Since 1993, HVAF of Indiana, Inc. has been eliminating homelessness for veterans and their families through prevention, education, supportive services, and advocacy; helping thousands of veterans break the cycle of homelessness by creating supportive housing units and offering employment programs and services through our Continuum of Care program.

The need for HVAF's services is real! Last year, HVAF provided 5,811 individual services to 2,115 veterans and 722 family members, of which 476 were children. The enclosed pamphlet provides more details and explains the needs of our veterans.

Homeless and near homeless veterans and families need your support now more than ever! The war in Iraq is increasing the number of homeless veterans in our area. Recent studies show that each night as many as 900 veterans are homeless in the greater Indianapolis metropolitan area. Throughout the entire state, that figure is near 4,000.

As you celebrate Veterans Day 2007, we invite you to join us in our battle to end homelessness for Hoosier veterans and their families. Won't you consider a donation to help those who have given so much? Your donation is tax-deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine A. Coble".

Katherine A. Coble
Chairman, Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles A. Haenlein".

Charles A. Haenlein, Ph.D.
President / CEO

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