



Dear Community Partner,

Family & Community Services, Inc. (FCS) has served veterans and their family members since World War II. The agency, incorporated in 1941, developed programming in 1945 to support Portage County's veterans who were struggling to make ends meet. Our roots began with serving those who served our country and is an essential part of what we do.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates that 35,574 veterans are homeless on any given night. Over the course of a year, at least twice that many experience homelessness. Only 7% of the general population can claim veteran status, but nearly 13% of the homeless adult population are veterans. In 2023, homeless veterans increased by 7% from 2022. According to HUD's Annual Homelessness Assessment Report to Congress, this increase is the first time the number of homeless veterans increased since 2019-2020.

Since its inception, in 2020, the Stark County Honor Home campus has had a mix of males and female veterans and families on one property. While the layout of current buildings served the program for some time, it is not well suited for long term operation. With separate VA funding already received, our plan is to build a women's campus a mile away and renovate the existing campus from 16 to 25 beds.

In 2022 FCS received \$1.2 million from the VA to start this renovation. Our plans are to pull the current three-building site into one building for single veterans, offices for staff, and a new community room for programming. The new facility will allow for more staff efficiency and give veterans the space, privacy, and dignity so that they-with our help-can overcome their housing crisis. Thank you for your support of Honor Home and the veterans we have served throughout the years. The agency believes that no veteran should ever be homeless, and with your help, we can make sure we can serve all veterans. For more information, please contact Matthew Slater, Director of Development, at 330.687.8136.

Sincerely,

Bill Theis
Advisory Committee President

Matthew Slater
Director of Development

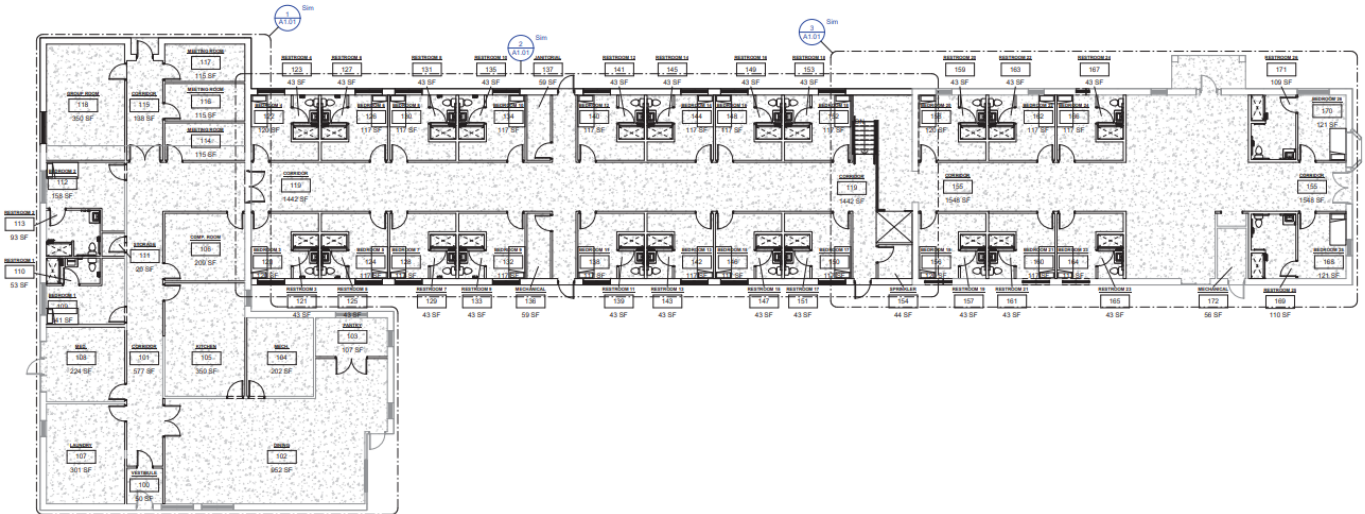


Our Fundraising Goal

Budget

Total Project Cost	\$2,000,000
VA Grant Funding	\$1,200,000
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$400,000

Our Goal: \$400,000





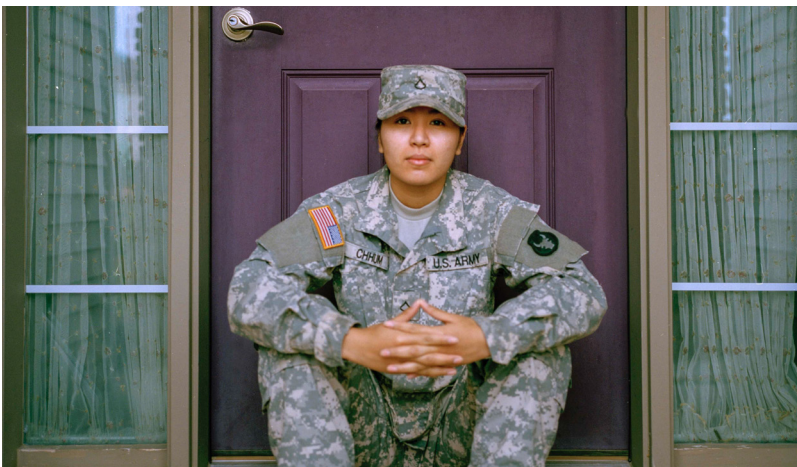
Community Need

Family & Community Services, Inc (FCS) is leading the charge on housing all veterans who find themselves homeless. The 2023 Annual Homeless Assessment Report in which communities submit homeless counts to be reported through HUD to Congress saw a 7% increase in homeless veterans. Veterans become homeless at a higher rate than their civilian counterparts. Woman veterans continue to make up over 10% of the homeless veteran population compared to only 2% 10 years ago.

The Honor Home-Stark County campus will be unique in that it will have two buildings for woman veterans and woman veterans with children and when renovations are complete one building for veterans of all genders. The buildings will all have staff support 24/7/365. The renovation of the current buildings for single veterans will create individual bedrooms and bathrooms for every single veteran who enters the program. This will make the building more resistant to communicable diseases. It will also increase the capacity from 16 beds for single veterans to 25.

Female veterans are the fastest growing homeless population.

They have grown from just 2% of the homeless population to 8%.



Only around 40% of female veterans receive any benefits from The Department of Veterans Affairs paints a bleak picture of our Country serving all veterans.

With your support, we can make sure that all of Stark County's veterans who are homeless can be served. We will be able to transform Honor Home from veterans sharing congregate bedrooms and bathrooms to space that provides the privacy, dignity, respect that our veterans deserve as they work through their housing crisis.



Our Services

A Home Away from Home

At Honor Home, our facility is truly a stepping stone to veterans reaching their housing goals. With a large kitchen, dining room, meeting rooms and private outdoor areas—residents can tend to their daily needs and start to get their lives back on track in a comfortable and welcoming environment. After renovations are made, each veteran will also have their own private bedroom/bathroom suite. Staff are available on-site 24/7 to provide support and resources for those who need it. Veterans also have access to a fully stocked pantry where they can access food, household supplies, and toiletries.

Support Plan

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Access to Other Mainstream Services

As part of the permanent housing plans established with each veteran, they are also informed of other veteran based mainstream benefits that may help them reach their long term housing goals. Veterans are often engaged with Supportive Services for Veteran Families and/or HUD-VASH in which separate collaborating case managers are available to meet with them on site and help them with their housing search.





Sponsorship and Donor Info

Adopt-A-Room Information

All adopt-a-room donors will be recognized on our Donor Tree of Life, which will be displayed in the main living area of Honor Home. All donations will be used toward the capital campaign to help us reach our fundraising goal of \$326,500.

Bedrooms	\$4,000 (25 total)	\$100,000
Bathrooms	\$3,000 (25 total)	\$75,000
Commercial Kitchen.....		\$50,000
Kitchenette.....		\$10,000
Pantry		\$3,000
Lounge.....	\$10,000 (2 total)	\$20,000
Laundry		\$20,000
Office Space	\$5,000 (2 total)	\$10,000
Meeting Space	\$4,000 (3 total)	\$12,000
Group Room		\$10,000
Dining Room		\$15,000
Staff Bathroom		\$1,500

Total: \$326,500



Sponsorship and Donor Info

Company Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete and mail your contribution to:

Trisia Gump at 705 Oakwood Street, Suite 115, Ravenna, OH 44266

Honor Home is a program of Family & Community Services, Inc. As a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine advice in this regard. All contributions will be acknowledged by a receipt from Honor Home, which may be used for tax filing documentation.



Volunteer Opportunities

Help us serve all who have served by volunteering your time. We are in need of volunteers for the projects below. Whether you come with a group or would like to volunteer individually, your skills and time will make a huge impact on our project!

Painting New Rooms

We will have 36 rooms that need a fresh coat of paint. We'll provide supplies and equipment, we just need a few helping hands.

Putting Furniture Together

Rooms will be equipped with new furniture for our veterans. If you are handy and good at following instructions, you can help us make a veteran's room come to life.

Landscaping

The final project will be completing the landscaping at our facility. We'll need help with cleaning up existing beds, planting new flowers or shrubs, and laying mulch.

