



# Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans 2017 Annual Report



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## MSHV 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

At the MSHV we experienced a wonderful year in 2017. We celebrated our 10th anniversary, paid tribute to our legendary co-founder Bob Adams, started an agency-sustaining endowment fund, and enjoyed our best fundraising year to date. Best of all, we were able to serve 500 veteran households and their family members with your assistance and partnership.

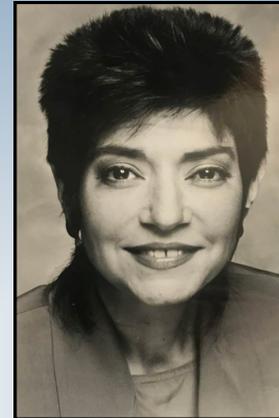
Now we must look to the future and what is on the horizon. Needs of veterans change over time and we are constantly evolving to meet those needs. The MSHV board of directors has improved our mission statement to better reflect what we have been focused on all along- ending veteran homelessness. Since 2013, we have been working in DuPage, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, Kane, LaSalle and Will counties to make this a reality, and our efforts are working. Since that time, veteran homelessness in Illinois has decreased by 32% and in DuPage County by 58%. In addition, to directly impact homelessness, we are opening a new permanent housing program in Kane County for six chronically homeless veterans this year.

In taking stock of the resources we have that make MSHV successful, we are blessed to have dedicated and skilled staff members who provide compassionate, individualized care to our veterans. Additionally, we have the assistance from a caring and invested board of directors willing to work tirelessly for MSHV. Finally, we are very grateful for our donors and funders, for we truly would not be able to do this work without you.

You are our partners in helping to ensure that *no veteran is left behind.*

Sincerely,

**Nancy Abbate**  
Interim Executive Director



### Did you know?

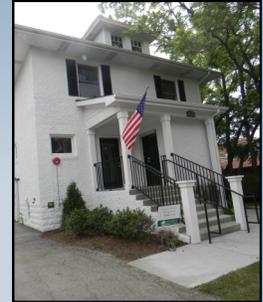
- The ages of the veterans we serve are:

62+	18%
51-61	40%
31-50	29%
18-30	11%
- Of the veterans we serve, 89% are male and 11% are female.
- This is where the veterans we serve live:

DeKalb	9%
DuPage	29%
Grundy	1%
Kane	31%
Kendall	1%
LaSalle	13%
Will	16%

# UNITED WE SERVE: REBUILDING LIVES AND RESTORING HOPE

To address the need for affordable housing in DuPage County, MSHV operates the Army Staff Sgt. Robert Miller affordable housing program for male veterans and the Tammy's Trace affordable housing program for female veterans. The programs offer shared rental housing for six males and four females for just \$500 per month, including utilities. In 2017, the Miller program served nine veterans and the Tammy's Trace program served four veterans.



MSHV serves the seven counties of DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, LaSalle and Will with our Support Service for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. MSHV assists homeless veterans out of shelters and into apartments in as little as 45 days through the Rapid Re-housing program. MSHV also prevents homelessness for those who have an apartment, but may need assistance to maintain their housing. In 2017, MSHV served 54 veteran households with rapid re-housing services and 35 households with homeless prevention services through the SSVF program.

Our flagship program, the Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Larson Transitional housing program, continues to assist homeless veterans with rebuilding their lives and regaining self-sufficiency. In 2017, the Larson home served 17 veterans.

## Dan's Path to Self-Sufficiency

Dan, a veteran of the Coast Guard, had struggled with homelessness and depression for a few years when he arrived at MSHV. With his hard work and the help of the programming at MSHV, Dan was able to get a good job, find an apartment, and now has a better outlook on life!



# UNITED WE SERVE: TOGETHER WE ARE ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

**“To know even one life breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”**

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Thank you to our dedicated donors, volunteers and business partners who have touched our veterans lives and helped us to end veteran homelessness one hero at a time.



In 2017, we were fortunate to have 231 volunteers who contributed 1,300 hours of their time to MSHV projects and programs. These hard-working individuals and groups helped with items like lawn work, serving meals, repairing facilities, office work, and moving clients. The volunteers' work was valued at over \$30,000– which saves MSHV money that can go directly to veteran services. We truly appreciate your contribution.

MSHV was blessed by over 1100 generous benefactors in 2017. Our donors include individuals, businesses, foundations, civic and social groups, faith communities and veteran service organizations. Many gave in honor or memory of a loved one. We are grateful for all of our donors. You make this important mission possible!

Also this year, you made it possible for MSHV to start the Bob “Doc” Adams Legacy Fund with the DuPage Foundation. This fund, which serves as MSHV’s endowment fund, was initiated through the donor support received at our 2017 10th Anniversary Gala honoring Bob Adams, and will continue to grow with your support. The fund expands the diversity of sources that make up our funding. It will be a long-term source of income to sustain our work, as well as permit MSHV to pursue other opportunities that might emerge to better serve our veterans in need. Our endowment has been invested with dual goals in mind: moderate principal growth and annual income from interest and dividends. It is our intention at the MSHV to focus on building this new endowment through planned agency contributions over time, special gifts by donors restricted for this purpose, and donor giving that is incorporated into their own estate and legacy planning.



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## GUIDING OUR MISSION AND MANAGING OUR RESOURCES

### MSHV Board of Directors, and Leadership Staff

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### MSHV FY 2017 Financials

#### Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/17

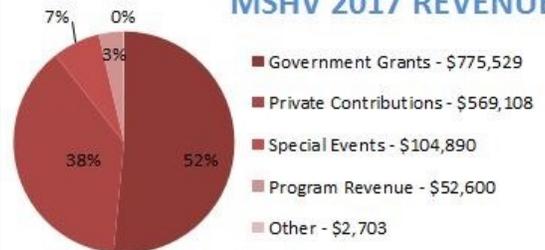
**ASSETS**

<b>Current assets</b>	<b><u>\$722,927</u></b>
<b>Property &amp; equipment</b>	<b><u>\$2,268,257</u></b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$2,991,184</u></b>

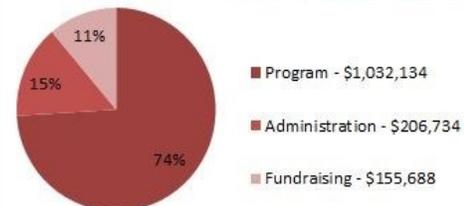
**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 58,428</b>
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 327,205</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$ 385,633</u></b>
<b>Unrestricted equity</b>	<b><u>\$1,525,162</u></b>
<b>Temporarily restricted</b>	<b><u>\$1,080,389</u></b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b><u>\$2,605,551</u></b>
<b>Total liabilities &amp; assets</b>	<b><u>\$2,991,184</u></b>

#### MSHV 2017 REVENUE



#### MSHV 2017 EXPENSES



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