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## HOMELESS VETERANS

In 2022, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation launched a new national campaign to eradicate homelessness in the Veteran community. This program provides a stable home and a wide range of needed services to diagnose and solve the root causes of homelessness addressing a veteran’s specific emotional, financial, and physical issues. In the program’s first year, through grants and partnerships Tunnel to Towers provided 500 housing units to homeless veterans in their time of need. In 2023, Tunnel to Towers has set a goal to provide an additional 1,500 — 2,000 housing units for America’s veterans.

To achieve this, Tunnel to Towers has been building comfort home communities and renovating hotels into housing, in California, Texas, and Arizona. These communities will feature on-site counseling and training services through partnerships with experienced third parties that have a successful track record of sheltering, mentoring, and rehabilitating veterans for over 30 years.

Outside of these cities, the Tunnel to Towers “Warm Handoff Network” is working with partners nationwide to provide homeless veterans with safe dignified housing options, providing direct financial assistance from Tunnel to Towers to get them housed.

In the coming years, the program seeks to expand to open housing in New York, Georgia, and Florida.

Tunnel to Towers believes no veteran should be living on the streets of the country they signed up to protect.

All checks for money raised/donated through your Auxiliary should be made out to the VFW Auxiliary Department of CT in order to Support our State President’s Special Program.

