

Corporate Connection

April 2013 | *Partnerships and Solutions to End Veterans Homelessness*

Housing and Employment Insights from the Field

U.S. VETS-Las Vegas executive director offers advice on Stand Down, employment, housing

U.S. VETS-Las Vegas recently hosted its 10th Annual Stand Down. Stand Down offers a chance for homeless veterans to enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, obtain personal necessity kits, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment. Most importantly, Stand Down offers veterans the opportunity to connect to employment programs and housing services.

Over two days, a total of 128 agencies, over 500 volunteers, and 911 veterans participated. Among the veterans served, 16 veterans received housing and an additional 17 were hired directly at Stand Down.

The Corporate Connection interviewed the executive director of U.S. VETS-Las Vegas and chair of Stand Down Las Vegas, Shalimar Cabrera, to discuss how local businesses and nonprofits can forge successful partnerships to support our homeless veterans. Shalimar offered advice and best practices related to employment, housing, planning, and developing successful, long-term outcomes.

Read the complete interview [here](#).

Best Practices Database Goes Live

More than 50 solutions and profiles based on geographic region, program, objective

U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness launched a new database that contains 50 (and growing) short profiles of best practices and programs; each profile includes tips for implementation, information about results achieved, and links to additional profiles and resources.

The [Solutions Database](#) helps users find information regarding particular populations or objectives related to the federal strategic plan to end homelessness, *Opening Doors*.

The database can also be searched by state or local community. Profiles include evidence-based practices, promising practices, model programs, and emerging approaches.



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How Your Business Can Help

- * Volunteer, e.g., team-based, individual, skills-based
- * Donate money to a local service provider
- * Start a veterans' hiring initiative
- * Participate in NCHV's Annual Conference
- * Donate products, excess inventory or other in-kind goods to a local service provider
- * Join NCHV's Corporate Honor Roll

Unemployment Rates

- * All veterans - 7.1% | Nonveterans - 7.4%
- * Post-9/11 veterans, age 20-24: 16.1% year over year increase
- * Post-9/11 veterans, female: 11.1% unemployment rate

Corporate Connection Spotlight: Home Depot Foundation Provides Spring Lift

Florida veterans' organizations receive renovations and upgrades, volunteer support

Volunteers of America of Florida and Florida's Grant & Per Diem Program garnered the support of The Home Depot Foundation, The Home Depot IT Department and their vendor partners in Miami for a spring upgrade.

The projects, supported by Home Depot's employee volunteer program Team Depot, included extensive landscaping and beautification as well as interior flooring renovations and exterior building enhancements.

The Grant & Per Diem Programs helps house homeless or disabled veterans through transitional housing. The Volunteers of America of Florida operate the Veterans Homeless Service Center that serves over 100 veterans daily. The Center also offers training and education and employment services to veterans through their Life Long Learning Center.

Learn more about these [projects](#) and the [Home Depot Foundation](#).



Additional Housing for Homeless Ordered to be Released

Judge orders federal agencies to comply with housing provisions, could lead to thousands more properties available

A recent court ruling found that some government agencies have been inaccurately reporting the number of unused federal properties. By law, these properties are required to be listed in the Federal Register and given the opportunity for homeless service providers to apply to lease the properties at no charge.

Homeless service providers are provided a 60-day period where they get right of first refusal. The ruling orders the General Services Administration and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to take additional steps to ensure agencies are following the law.

* Post-9/11 veterans, age 30-34:
10.6% unemployment rate
([Source](#))

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About the Corporate Connection

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) created the Corporate Connection, in partnership with The Home Depot Foundation, to help America's businesses increase access to housing, employment and family stabilization services for homeless and at-risk veterans and their families. To learn more, visit the [Corporate Connection](#).