

PROJECT H3: VETS



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Project H3 VETS to End Chronic Homelessness Among Veterans Federal, State and Local Government and Community-Based Organizations Collaborate to Reach Zero by February 2014

PHOENIX (Nov. 8, 2013) – Monday, as the nation observes Veterans’ Day, the valley-wide collaborative Project H3 VETS and Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton will announce the final steps being taken to end chronic homelessness among veterans in the Greater Phoenix area by Arizona StandDown next February.

In the last two years Project H3 VETS has successfully housed 161 Veterans and seen a 62% reduction in chronic homelessness among veterans. The project’s street survey last month identified 56 veterans that remain unsheltered. Mayor Stanton and key leaders in the movement will be announcing a plan to bring all 56 of these Veterans off the streets and in doors by the end of this month, and to be permanently housed by the opening day of Arizona StandDown, February 14, 2014.

Senator John McCain will be joining forces with Mayor Greg Stanton and Project H3 VETS, highlighting the progress that has been made and their commitment to complete the mission, bringing our troops into homes. Each organization’s Director will briefly speak to their pledge to end Veteran Chronic Homelessness in the Valley. Mayor Greg Stanton, Senator John McCain, and actively housed participants of Project H3 VETS will be available briefly for questions and interviews at the end of the program. The speaking event will be followed by a dinner honoring Arizona Veterans assisted through Project H3 VETS.

Project H3 VETS is a collaboration of The Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, Phoenix VA Health Care System, Arizona Department of Veteran Services, Arizona Department of Housing, Valley of the Sun United Way, Community Bridges, City of Phoenix and other partners.

Victory Place was developed by Cloudbreak Phoenix, LLC, a member of the Cloudbreak Communities family of companies, Victory Place is a purpose-built community for veterans transitioning from a state of homelessness to independence. Victory Place began development in 2002 and will complete its fourth phase by the end of 2014 by adding an additional 96 units to the campus. Twenty percent (20%) of the campus is dedicated to housing veterans from the Project H3 VETS initiative.

Who: Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton
Phoenix City Councilman, Michael Nowakowski
Director of Phoenix VA Health Care System, Sharon Helman
Director of Human Services Campus, Michael McQuaid
CEO Community Bridges, Inc., Dr. Frank Scarpati
Director of Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services, Ted Vogt
Director of Arizona Department of Housing, Michael Trailor
Vice President Community Impact Valley of the Sun United Way, Brian Spicker
Executive Director Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, Joan Serviss
Arizona Senator, John McCain

When: Veteran’s Day 11/11/2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Where: Victory Place, a community for veterans, 850 E. Jones Avenue; Phoenix, AZ 85040