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Homeless Hero receives Valentine's Day Homecoming

Mayor Stanton to welcome home 100th homeless veteran placed into housing through Project H3 VETS

(Phoenix, AZ) – A local veteran experiencing homelessness will receive a sweet treat this Valentine's Day - a homecoming as part of Project H3 VETS, a community collaboration administered by the Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation, with major funding provided by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and the Valley of the Sun United Way, and coordinated by the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness.

The veteran moving home is part of a valleywide initiative which engages veterans experiencing homelessness on the streets and connects them with the Phoenix VA Health Care System HUD-VASH Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program, which provides permanent housing and supportive services, including case management, social support, and mental health services to chronically homeless Veterans. The Veteran also receives support services through a 'Navigator', or peer support professional, a role performed by Community Bridges.

"The work being done through Project H3 VETS is a shining example of community collaboration. This homecoming, as with so many others, is proof that this community has real heart," said City of Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton.

With the help of federally funded Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers, Project H3 VETS has assisted 100 veterans to date in moving into their own apartment and connecting them with VA case management and community-based supportive services. Efforts will continue over the next two years to provide housing and appropriate supportive care for the estimated remaining 122 chronically homeless veterans believed to be living on the streets in the Valley, in alignment with President Obama and VA Secretary Shinseki's goals of ending veteran homelessness by 2015.

The housing vouchers and case management are only a first step to successfully transition out of homelessness. Project H3 VETS is also looking for corporate community partners and generous individuals willing to help our homeless heroes leave the streets behind. You can find out more and donate to Project H3 VETS by visiting www.azceh.org/project-h3-vets

Who: Project H3 VETS, a community collaboration administered by the Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation, with major funding provided by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and the Valley of the Sun United Way, and coordinated by the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness.

What: Valentine's Day Homeless Hero Homecoming

Where: Encanto Pointe Apartments, 4175 N. 9th Street in Phoenix, AZ

When: Valentine's Day 2013, Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Why: Our homecoming hero has done so much by serving our country. Please join us in saying "thank you for your service" and "welcome home" and "Happy Valentine's Day" all in one celebration! Join us in celebrating this 100th move-in as part of Project H3 VETS' success!

Media: *City of Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton, a huge advocate and devoted partner will join us in welcoming the veteran home. There will also be opportunities to interview the veteran, his VA Case Manager, and community volunteers.*

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Project H3 VETS is a community collaboration led by:



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