



MESILLA VALLEY COMMUNITY OF HOPE

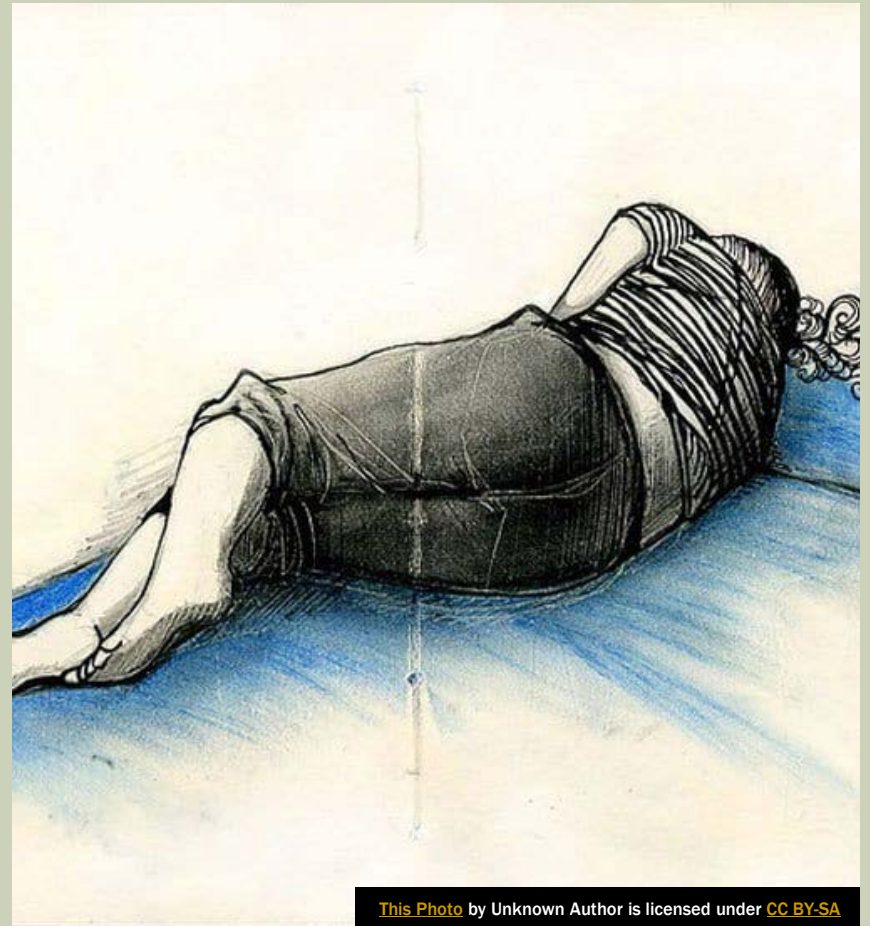
SERVICES
FOR HOUSING
INSECURE
VETERANS



COMMUNITY OF HOPE SCOPE

MVCH serves people experiencing homelessness and near-homelessness with a variety of services:

- Temporary shelter
- Housing assistance
- Income assistance
- Case management
- Behavioral Health Services
- Laundry
- Showers
- Last year we served 3,263 people
- We housed 809 people (including 258 children)



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VETERANS

- Despite the challenges, MVCH has managed to keep its designation as the 13th City in the Nation to declare operationally ending Veteran homelessness. This is a declaration that NM should be proud of and should be fighting to maintain.
- MVCH employs a Veteran Preference for programs, especially housing.
- MVCH will continue to serve homeless and near-homeless Veterans. Our homeless heroes deserve a roof over their heads, and we will continue to make that a priority.

VETERAN-SPECIFIC SERVICES

- Last FY, MVCH served 228 Veterans
- Housing; single site or occupancy at Veterans' Apartment complex; collaboration between MVCH and the MV Public Housing Authority
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF): To provide supportive services and referrals for Veterans experiencing homelessness and near-homelessness.
- We housed a Veteran who has been accessing services for 16 years, since 2002. Honorable discharge. He went between the GRM and motels. Came to Camp Hope and was housed within 1.5 months.
- Newly homeless Veterans coming in all the time
- Intervention Supportive Services for Veterans: MVCH has an onsite Licensed Mental Health Therapist that meets with homeless and newly housed Veterans. Last FY, there were 483 visits.



OAK STREET

1-bedroom
apartments
for formerly
homeless
Veterans

INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES

- Provides Mental Health counseling and case management to veterans experiencing homelessness or near homelessness
- Interventions include traditional talk therapy, mindfulness, coping skills building, and groups (pre COVID)
- Implementing new therapeutic strategies such as Video Game therapy, Motivational Interviewing, and DBT



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MVPHA, HUD
VASH

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VA

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Stand-down

CHALLENGES & Barriers

Discharge Status

Lack of affordable units ready for occupancy in our community;

COVID assistance

Rental Assistance for Veterans is short term

Mental Health issues – PTSD, Substance Abuse, Personality Disorders, Psychosis disorders.

Legal Barriers – Past Evictions, Probation, Rebuilding after prison.



DONATIONS
TO VET AT
CAMP
HOPE

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DONATIONS
AT OAK ST.



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**MAYOR MIYAGISHIMA
THANKS LITTLE CAESARS FOR HIRING A FORMERLY HOMELESS VETERAN!**

