



# 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 2,744 people
- We housed 570 people (including 150 children)

# VETERAN-SPECIFIC SERVICES

- Last FY, MVCH served 317 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 652 visits.

# PARTNERS

- City of Las Cruces Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness
- Disabled American Veterans
- VFW
- NMDVS Field Service Advocates
- UMWSW
- MVPHA, HUD VASH
- United Way
- VA
- Vet Center
- Standdown

# CHALLENGES

- We used to receive \$22, 300 from the NM Department of Veterans' Services. In May of 2016, I had a visit from Secretary Fox announcing MVCH would no longer receive this grant.
- The City of Las Cruces City Council stepped in and helped with funding that year.
- We have not received support again from the NMDVS.
- Lack of affordable units ready for occupancy in our community;
- COVID assistance

# VETERANS

- Despite the challenges, MVCH has managed to keep its designation as the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## OAK STREET

1 bedroom  
apartments  
for formerly  
homeless  
Veterans



DONATIONS  
TO VET AT  
CAMP  
HOPE

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

