Making a lasting impact on Military and Veteran Families for over 91 years.

2015-2016 Annual Report

HELP
HOPE
HONOR
The VFW National Home for Children’s mission is to provide children and families of active-duty military, war veterans, and descendants of the VFW and its Auxiliary, opportunities for growth and development in a nurturing community, and by doing so serves as a living memorial to all veterans.
Dear Friends,

The VFW National Home for Children has stood for over 91 years as a sanctuary, welcoming hurting veteran families and providing them with space to heal from the many ways war can impact a family.

Whether they are living on our campus or receiving help through our Military and Veteran Family Helpline 800.313.4200, the National Home uses every resource available to us to better the lives of these families and help them to rebuild.

Your help and contributions make this possible. You have all given in a multitude of ways. Whether you sent in a donation, purchased a tribute brick, volunteered your time and services, or helped us purchase that last van through the Campbell’s Soup Labels for Education program, your charity has touched the lives of so many veteran families in need, both on our campus and throughout the country.

In gratitude,

Patrice Green
Executive Director
I have lived at the National Home for three years now with my three children. The Home has provided a safe haven for my children and myself. Before I came to the National Home, I was hopeless. With the help and support of the staff, I got back on my feet. My children have a safe neighborhood to play in, and they go on many trips. They also have access to a computer lab and tutoring available. I asked my youngest what his favorite thing is about living here, and he replied, “There’s lots of kids to play with and I feel safe.” Because of the National Home, my children have a sense of community and pride.

- Current Resident

During a recent visit to the Home, I met a young couple and their very small child. We stopped to visit for a bit. The young man was just back from a deployment in Afghanistan. He and his family were residents of the Home during his treatment for PTSD at a local VA facility. The Home gave them a place to live during his treatment time. Otherwise they would not have had anywhere to go. They were grateful for all of the help given by the folks at the National Home. He and his wife thanked us many times for all of the help and explained what a blessing it was to have the services of the National Home available to them.

- Donor

The houses and grounds are meticulously kept! There is a lot of history there. So many families have come through there and were able to get assistance. The staff is all friendly and extremely helpful and welcoming. We stayed in the guest lodge, which is really more like a motel. Everything is clean and well maintained. We stayed in the new museum and sorted and scanned photos. I really enjoyed getting to see the time capsule of memories. The staff were just as concerned that we were enjoying ourselves as we were to do a good job. I would do it again! I definitely would recommend them - they are deserving of your time and donations.

- Volunteer

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OUR PROGRAM

The VFW National Home for Children is grateful for the generous friends and supporters who have reached out to help military and veteran families. The Home was founded in 1925 as a place where the families left behind by war – mothers and children, brothers and sisters – could remain together, keeping the family circle intact even when their serviceman didn't come home. Today's families face different challenges – reintegration, post-traumatic stress, high unemployment and rehabilitation from battlefield injuries, among others – and the National Home has evolved to meet those changing needs.

Families find a healing calm in our tranquil, rural, small-town community. This neighborhood is essentially a small village with its own gymnasium, hiking trails, fishing pond, playgrounds, sports fields, and green spaces.

Families who need a fresh start can live at the National Home for up to four years and benefit from numerous community supportive services, including professional case management services, on-site licensed child care, life skills training, tutoring and other educational services, as well as recreational and community service opportunities.

Additionally, many families benefit from our services throughout the country. In the 2015-2016 year alone, hundreds of families were helped by our Military & Veteran Family Helpline 800-313-4200.

This free service offers information, creates connections and gives hope to struggling military and veteran families.
Summary of 2015-2016 Audited Financial Statements

**Summarized Statement of Activities**

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**Summarized Statement of Financial Position**

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**2015-2016 EXPENSE RATIOS**

- Program Expenses: 70%
- Administration: 16%
- Fundraising Expenses: 14%
- Indirect care: 16%
- Direct care: 14%
- Facilities mgt: 16%
- Administration: 16%
- Fiscal services: 14%
- Fundraising: 14%