NEW LOOK; SAME GREAT SERVICE

You may have noticed a different logo on our correspondence and Social Media profiles. The VIC has grown and evolved over the last 15 years and our rebranding represents our many successes and ongoing transition.

The Newsletter also has a change; in its layout as well as a name: the VICtories. The VICtories was chosen as the official newsletter name to celebrate the success of our clients; as well as honoring our donors and volunteers, because without your support, we don’t have any “victories” to celebrate. Thanks for being Friends of the VIC!

VIC TIDBITS

LT GOVERNOR VISIT

We had the privilege of briefing Lt. Governor Howie Morales about the services we provide to Homeless Veterans and their families throughout the Land of Enchantment.

WELLS FARGO GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We recently received a grant from Wells Fargo’s VeteranWINS® Program. The VIC was 1 of 17 nonprofits across the U.S. to receive this award. Thank you Wells Fargo for supporting Veteran Families in need and believing in our mission to end Veteran Family Homelessness in New Mexico.

VERIZON GIFT

Verizon employees presented us with this beautiful wooden flag made by Flags of Valor (flagsofvalor.com)! Thank you for thinking about our Veterans! Flags of Valor is a veteran owned, veteran operated, and veteran made company in the USA.

EXPANDED SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENT

The VIC is debuting a brand new service program that supports current and former members of the Air National Guard or Army Reserve. And because no one serves alone, the VIC will be able to assist un remarried widows and widowers of those who served in the United States military or any state Air National Guard or Reserve (with proper documentation). The VIC believes we can do more to assist all who wear or have worn a uniform as well as supporting their family. This assistance will be available in all 33 New Mexico counties. If you know Veteran, Guardsmen, Reservist, or a Widow/Widower in need of assistance, please call us at: 505-296-0800.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 24: California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser: 20% of your purchase will be donated to the VIC if you show the flyer (copy attached) on your phone or take a copy to your server. Valid only at the ABQ Uptown location.

August 2: VIC Yard Sale from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at our Central Office: 13032 Central Ave SE. Lots of great treasures to be found that need a home. And, if you have any items that no longer “spark joy” in your life, donate them to the VIC! Maybe your item will find a home.

ALBUQUERQUE STAND DOWN

The Albuquerque Stand Down will be held on October 24-25, 2019. More details coming including how to donate and volunteer.

SHOUT OUT

You don’t have to be a large corporation to make a difference in the lives of Veteran Families in need. A special thank you:

El Dorado Baseball Team: organized a bottled water and granola bar drive for our Street Outreach and Community Shuttle Service Team.

Intel Employees coordinated a bed linen drive that included not only bedsheets, but a few comforters as well. New sheets + New bed = Home

CLUBWAKA who are part of the ABQ Kickball league chose the VIC as its charity for the season. They not only raised funds, but organized a Paint Nite fundraiser that was enjoyed by all who attended including our Social Media Coordinator, Jessica DeLuna.

Value Place Hotel organized a Bike Run for Veterans in our programs. Participants enjoyed a beautiful ride from Albuquerque to Madrid via the Turquoise Trail. Thanks to the Mine Shaft Tavern for hosting the bike stop!

In our Second Quarter our Transitional Housing and Supportive Housing programs assisted 251 Veterans and families.

We provided food assistance to 827 Veterans through our Food Pantry Program. Thank you for being a Friend of the VIC!

And! We were able to assist 8,299 riders with free transportation through the Community Shuttle Service.