

# 2015 Donor Impact Report



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## A place to call home



Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation (HVAF) serves as the most comprehensive service provider for Hoosier veterans transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing. Your generosity has helped HVAF provide more than a home to Indiana veterans.

In 2015, the Employment Program made outreach efforts and enrolled a total of 325 clients. The Employment Program provided services to 247 veterans of which 225 veterans obtained employment. HVAF partnered with the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic. 199 veterans received free legal services ranging from review of criminal records to creation of a payment plan for child support. To help veterans travel to and from medical appointments and job interviews, HVAF also provided 2,375 bus passes to veterans.

Our supportive housing program continues to provide homes and build support for Indiana veterans seeking to escape homelessness. On any given night last year, roughly 205 homeless veterans resided in one of our thirteen properties.

Over the last 23 years, with your support, HVAF has proven that veterans can overcome homelessness. I am pleased to share with you that 209 homeless veterans were able to secure their own homes and apartments last year. Without generous individual, corporate and foundation support, we could not have supplied these services to help the veterans we serve. Your support is a recognition of veterans' service to our country. Thank you for helping them in their greatest time of need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew F. Noga". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Andrew F. Noga  
Chairman, HVAF of Indiana Board of Directors

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## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

HVAF offers a transitional living program for homeless veterans who are getting back on their feet. Each night, **HVAF serves 205 veterans** in its 13 properties.

## STAFFING

HVAF serves its homeless veterans through a staff of 73: 28 social workers, including 3 employment specialists, 23 residential assistants (RA's), 11 who work in maintenance and transportation, and 8 in its administrative staff.

## PROGRAMS

The Residential, Employment, Substance Abuse Treatment (REST) program offers an intensive recovery-based curriculum that helps veterans maintain sobriety while obtaining employment and permanent housing.

In partnership with area employers, HVAF has 3 designated employment specialists who help veterans with resumes, mock interviews and job searching with local employers to help veterans secure employment.

For a complete list of our programs and services go to [hvaf.org](http://hvaf.org).

## HOUSING UPGRADES

Thanks to generous support from donors, grants and volunteer groups, several HVAF properties were upgraded. As a result of a Home Depot Foundation grant, HVAF was able to help 38 veterans living at its Moreau House through a grant that enabled the replacement of single pane windows with energy-efficient double vinyl windows as well as the installation of new siding, gutters and down spouts. The project also allowed HVAF to replace the property's 25-year-old roof.

Additionally, the Newton House had its kitchen remodeled with new appliances thanks to a grant by the Home Depot Foundation.

Separately, the maintenance team at HVAF worked to spruce up Carson Apartments by installing new laminate flooring.

## FUNDRAISERS

Thanks to Hotel Tango Artisan Distillery for hosting Operation ALPHA: A Benefit for HVAF on Veterans Day. Guests heard from a previously homeless veteran who spoke of his journey out of homelessness and his success in HVAF housing.

Also, several businesses held fundraisers and events on behalf of HVAF throughout the year and provided goods and services. Outreach received countless donations including furniture, food, gift cards, hygiene items and clothing.

## IMPACT STORIES

### Indianapolis veteran overcomes physical challenges

Lamont is a four-year Navy veteran who served on six deployments. He was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia as a shipping and receiving clerk. When his service ended, Lamont struggled to find work. In 1987, he found work at G&G Metal Spinners where he dedicated 18 years of his life. But years of operating machinery took a toll on him physically. He went to see doctors and specialists who determined that his persistent lower back pain would only get worse if he kept doing that kind of work.

"It was really scary because for years I had grown used to needing my strength and relying on it to do my job. Now, I could no longer do any heavy lifting. I didn't know what I was going to do," he said.

Lamont filed for disability in June 2014. He waited. Without a steady job, he became homeless. Lamont stayed with family and friends, and in December 2014, he came to HVAF for help with housing. At HVAF, he met a case manager who helped change the course of his life. A case manager's role is to connect veterans with benefits and employment opportunities as well as link them to other resources. Lamont was encouraged to follow-up on the disability benefits process. He was awarded disability benefits and is now permanently housed.



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### Veteran experiences homelessness, hopes to inspire others

Nancy Hart, 52, has traveled from southern Indiana to give music lessons to Angela, 55, and other veterans at HVAF. Hart makes the two-hour trip to Indianapolis once a month, and she hopes the lessons have a lasting impact.

It was a billboard sign about HVAF along a highway that caught Nancy Hart's eye. It was a last-minute cancellation that gave Angela a chance at a piano lesson where she would meet Nancy.

After nearly 20 years in the military, including seven months in Iraq, Angela came to HVAF after losing the home she shared with her daughter and spiraling into depression and alcohol abuse. Since August 2015, she has been living at Manchester Apartments. Similar to learning the piano, Angela is trying to rebuild the foundation of her life. She plans to go back to school and get training for a job helping others inside a hospital.



Read new impact stories each month on the HVAF website at [hvaf.org](http://hvaf.org).

## 2015 Finances

### Revenue & Support

VA Grant & Per Diem Revenue	\$2,674,305
United Way (Including SSVF Funding)	\$1,677,598
Contributions & Charitable Events	\$365,027
Other Grant Revenue	\$321,107
Home Depot Grant	\$114,340
Program Fees & Other Revenue	\$112,246

Total Temporary Unearned Revenue \$6,000

Total Unrestricted Revenue and Support \$5,258,623

Released from Restrictions \$94,804

### Operating Expenses

Programs and Client Services	\$4,756,098	90%
General and Administrative	\$487,312	9%
Fundraising	\$32,081	1%

Total Operating Expenses \$5,275,491

2015 Net Increase of Cash \$14,682

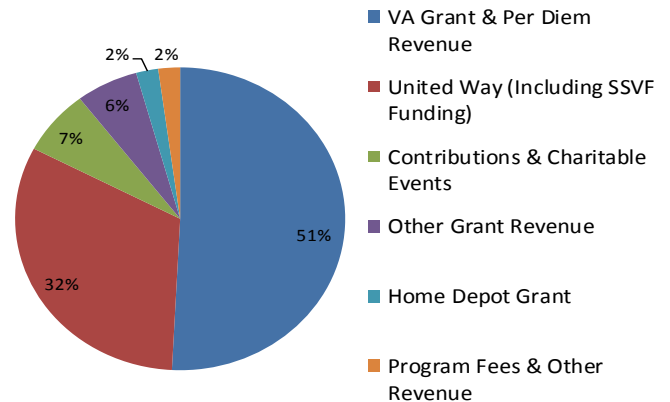
Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets \$(12,843)

# 90 cents

of every dollar goes directly to programs that impact the lives of the homeless veterans we serve



**HVAF Funding**



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## 2015 Outcomes

11,702

volunteer hours provided to HVAF

209

veterans moved into permanent housing

225

veterans found work

547

veterans received assistance through Supportive Services for  
Veteran Families (SSVF) program

199

veterans received legal assistance

5,365

outreach items including toiletries, food, clothing and  
other essentials given to homeless veterans at HVAF



## Volunteers at HVAF



Pat Berger, Becky O'Connor, Jim Thompson, Mike Buchanan, Tony Wright (from left to right)  
Mike Buchanan, Vivian Shank, Becky O'Connor (from left to right)



Tony Wright, Pat Berger, Becky O'Connor (from left to right)

## OUR MISSION

To provide housing and reintegration services to veterans experiencing homelessness; and administer programs and services to prevent at-risk veterans from becoming homeless



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