

Central Ohio Homeless Veteran Stand Down

October 20, 2015

Greater Columbus Convention Center, Exhibition Hall E



Facts:

- An estimated third of America's homeless are veterans of our Armed Forces who served our country.
- The majority of Columbus' homeless have served our country in the Armed Forces.

History of Stand Down

- Started in 1988 in San Diego by a group of Vietnam Vets.
- Designed to bridge many of the physical and psychological barriers between agency providers and veterans.
- It is a model that offers respect, direct service, and camaraderie.
- It is a model that succeeds with the work of volunteers and private donations.

Our Goals

In one day, our goals are to:

- Provide direct services to veterans,
- Provide an opportunity for volunteers to "make it happen", and
- Bring awareness of this unfortunate growing need.

For the Veterans Stand Down, we honor the national mission of Stand Downs by offering services to only Veterans. Every year we reach out to give our Central Ohio homeless veterans a hand up with a promise of food, shelter, clothing, health checkups, legal advice, employment leads, benefit information, and more. Our volunteer board of directors offers free services to our guest.

However, there are very real costs in offering Stand Down to our guests. To provide the best services from the Central Ohio to meet the needs of our guests we need your help by giving a cash gift, an in-kind gift, or volunteering. We need your help, your brothers & sisters in arms need your help.

Your cash donations help us to provide:

- Advertising of Stand Down throughout the central Ohio area;
- Transportation to select Veterans to and from Stand Down;
- Guest Care packages;
- Bags for the free clothing store;
- Grooming Kits;
- Volunteer refreshments; and
- Event operational supplies such as pens, paper, copies, name tags, wrist bands, and signs.

Donations are Easy! Just click on Donation on our web page!

or Send your donation checks to:

Please make checks out to the **Columbus Veterans Beneficial Board**

(in the memo line please note that this is for Stand Down.)

The address is as follows:

Rick Isbell- Veterans Affair Coordinator, Mayors Office
City of Columbus
90 W. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

For more information or questions please contact:

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For clothing donations please contact:

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Please check out our website: CentralOhioStandDown.com.