

## Why MSHV?

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (MSHV) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in DuPage County, Illinois that provides services to veterans and their families in Illinois. The mission of MSHV is to empower at-risk veterans, and their families, to become self-sufficient, productive members of their communities. Our vision is to end veteran homelessness so that no person who has defended our homes goes without a home.

We provide six core veteran programs: affordable housing; the Army Capt. Kevin C. Landeck Freedom Commissary; permanent supportive housing; Supportive Services for Veteran Families; transitional housing, and veteran employment.

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans serves more than 400 unique veteran households and their families across Illinois - EACH YEAR. We desire to ease the suffering of veterans and their families and to empower them to become productive members of their community.

## **Our Programs**

<u>Affordable Housing:</u> Army SSgt. Robert Miller Home and Tammy's Trace – provide affordable housing to low-income, single male and female veterans, respectively.

<u>The Army Capt. Kevin C. Landeck Freedom Commissary</u> is a program designed to meet the clothing, household, and basic needs of veterans and their families.

Freedom Harbour is Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans' scattered-site Permanent Supportive Housing program for chronically homeless veterans. Veterans are housed in one-bedroom apartments in the local community.

<u>Supportive Services for Veteran Families</u> is a homeless prevention and rapid re-housing program for low-income veterans and their families, who are homeless or who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

MSHV's Marine LCpl Nicholas Larson Transitional Home provides qualified male homeless veterans of any era with transitional housing and supportive services, including case management, financial literacy classes, nutrition workshops, life skills education, employment services, and transportation assistance.

MSHV's Veteran Employment Program assists unemployed and under-employed veterans with gaining meaningful, long-term employment.

For more information, please contact our Executive Director, Christine Lewis, at (630)871-8387 ext 604 or visit us at www.helpaveteran.org

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Planned giving options to support the mission of Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans







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You have worked diligently to provide yourself and your family with the security they need for today and for the future. Estate planning advisors recommend that you carefully consider how much your family will need to accomplish their goals in the future, and how you want to allocate your resources.

The important questions to ask are:

- How much does my family need?
- Once my family is taken care of, do I have additional resources?
- How do I want to allocate those resources to create a Legacy?

Consider making an estate gift to Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, and you can become an integral part of helping to sustain the critical work of MSHV. Your generous gift will help us to continue to house homeless and at-risk veterans and their families and provide the necessary supportive services to assist them in reaching self-sufficiency.

There are several planned giving options currently available to MSHV donors that allow you to make a charitable gift and take advantage of current tax incentives.

It is strongly recommended that you consult your tax advisor, financial advisor or estate attorney for more information, as these examples are provided as a general overview, and are not meant to represent an exhaustive list of all available strategies.

<u>Bequest</u> – You can provide a future gift to MSHV by including a bequest provision in your will for a specified amount or percentage of your estate.

<u>Charitable Lead Trust</u> – You can transfer cash, securities, or appreciated property into a trust that gifts an income stream to MSHV for a pre-determined number of years. When that period of years is over, the principal reverts to the donor or named beneficiaries.

<u>Charitable Remainder Trust</u> - You can

transfer cash, securities, or appreciated property into a trust, and the trust pays you and any named beneficiaries annual income. When the trust terminates, the remaining principal is transferred to MSHV.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities – Shares of stock or mutual funds can be gifted to MSHV and then sold without incurring taxes.

IRA Beneficiary – MSHV can be designated as the beneficiary of your IRA. If you are over 70 1/2 years of age, you may be able to take advantage of recent legislation that provides additional benefits.

<u>Life Insurance</u> – You can transfer ownership of a life insurance policy to MSHV.

Real Estate- You can donate property to MSHV.

<u>Donor Advised Fund (DAF)</u>- You can donate certain assets to a Donor Advised Fund and recommend that it make subsequent grants to MSHV.