

HOMELESS VETERANS SHELTER: PROJECT, BUDGET, SPONSORS AND WAYS TO DONATE



In our work with homeless men, we noticed that homeless Veterans – as a group – often require special attention. A somewhat crowded setting, (like our homeless shelter for men with eight beds) tends to be an impediment to their progress towards recovery. Our aim is to foster and reestablish in each client the self confidence that is paramount for a self-sustaining lifestyle.

HSH Homeless Ministry, Inc. (HSH), is a targeted recovery program that addresses the needs of homeless people “one person at a time”. HSH has served the Independence, Kansas community for more than ten years, initially addressing homeless men only, with one eight bed shelter building. Now, HSH has added another four buildings to accommodate homeless women and children. We currently have five buildings accommodating the homeless. (See website www.homelessministry.org)

One key element in recovery from homelessness is to provide a recovery environment that is positive. HSH has improved and upgraded all donated houses! Often, volunteers have painted the outside and interior to make the houses more appealing. Paint, very often is donated by local merchants. The majority of furnishings are donated, but frequently we purchase things - like new single bedding in particular – with significant discounts from a local furniture company.

HSH intends to address the plight of homeless Veterans by converting/upgrading one apartment in one of our homes and specifically reserve it for homeless Veterans. The intent is to create a positive and appealing living environment. The apartment repair/upgrade targets the bathroom/kitchen facilities in particular. There will be new skid resistant flooring, and the apartment will have an easy to operate, all-electric newly (donated) central heating and cooling unit. There will be a new electric washer/dryer unit, and a walk-in shower instead of the existing bathtub. The overall budget is \$13,400.

Depending on “demand” we can convert an adjoining apartment also for Veterans and Veterans families. The new electric power breaker/electric heating and cooling provide for this extension.

BUDGET

Conversion to all electric which requires new power line /200-amp breaker box; plus, new electric lines installation in bathroom, kitchen and for central heat/air unit.	\$2,500
New Central heat and air unit. Donated by Lee's Cooling and Lennox.	Donated
New wide entry door/carpentry.	\$900
Flooring in bathroom and kitchen. (\$2,500-\$1,000 donation.)	\$1,500
Washer/dryer.	\$1,300
Walk-in shower, vanity, water heater, stool (water heater possibly donated).	\$2,800
Plumbing and related carpentry.	\$2,000
Two new windows.	\$1,400
Painting/clean up.	\$1,000
Bed/furnishings/table/kitchen ware /utensils.	Donated
Total Project	\$13,400

Note: Contingency around \$1,000.

SPONSORS

Most supporting merchants and companies are local and the most frequent ones are the following:

- Independence Daily Reporter – News Updates (IDR will update Veteran's Homeless Project)
- Davison Remodeling - William (Bill) Davison
- Lees Cooling and Heating - Central Air Units
- Community National Bank - Financial
- Woods Lumber - Bathroom Accessories and Paint
- First Oak Bank - Oakes Families
- Sherwin Williams – Paint
- HVG Resources Ltd. - Jon Viets VP Financial
- Messengers Furniture - Bedding
- Mercy Corps
- Blankenship Electric
- Wilson Medical Center
- CMIH - Dean Hayse President
- Jeff and Leah (Miller) Mosley

Note: All indications are that these sponsors will continue to support HSH's projects.

WAYS TO DONATE

Volunteer:

HSH accepts volunteers for: Mentoring, House Supervision, Maintenance, Fundraising, Board Membership, and associated relevant activities. For more information call the Director @ (620) 331-5115 and ask for Chris or send an email to hshministry@gmail.com

For a Financial/Tax Deductible Donation Using a Check Send To:

HSH Homeless Ministry, Inc., P.O. Box 315, Independence, KS 67301 (HSH is a not-for-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status. Its EIN# is 81-4589851. You will receive a prompt donation receipt.)

For a Financial/Tax Deductible Donation Using Any Credit or Debit Card Go To www.HomelessMinistry.org:

Please donate by using any credit or debit card. Go to HomelessMinistry.org website. Click on the yellow "Donate" button. Follow prompts. Upon completion of donation, you will receive instantly a donation receipt which will be sent to your email.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!