



**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**



# WHO ARE WE?

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) provides critically needed support to disabled and at-risk veterans who leave the military wounded—physically or psychologically—after defending our safety and our freedom.

## WE ACHIEVE THIS MISSION BY:

- Offering direct financial support to veteran organizations that address the unique needs of veterans, and whose missions align with that of DVNF.
- Providing supplemental assistance to homeless and low-income veterans through the Health & Comfort program and various empowerment resources.
- Serving as a thought leader on critical policy issues within the veteran community, and educating the public accordingly.
- Providing a national job board that connects the veteran community with leading employers. It is free and it will always be free as it serves our veterans and service members that keep AMERICA free.



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation is determined to move the needle. In tackling some of the most vexing challenges facing our military disabled and at-risk veterans - homelessness, job security, mental health and having access to resources that can have an impact on their lives.



That's no small task and it was made considerably harder by a global pandemic that has exacerbated old problems and created new ones.

Our progress on these difficult issues has been made possible, in large part, by the powerful partnerships we have forged over the years. We have joined forces with our generous donors and other nonprofits to magnify our collective impact on our program and services.

To all these valued partners we express our profound gratitude for all you do. On behalf of an appreciative board of directors, I want to thank everyone on the DVNF staff for their efforts in serving our American Hero's.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Carson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Scott Carson**

Board President

Disabled Veterans National Foundation

# FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To our Friends and Supporters:

On behalf of the Disabled Veterans National Foundation, I would like to thank you for showing your interest in DVNF by engaging with our Annual Report.

Every veteran has made sacrifices, and many continue to face unimaginable difficulties for years after their service ends. DVNF works to meet their needs in unique ways, and our vision for the future is to provide hope for our heroes.

Over the last few years during and after the COVID Epidemic, Veterans, First Responders and sadly our Nation continue to work to overcome mental and emotional challenges. Some cope with this through outdoor recreation, some find peace through the art of working with their hands, and others just need a community to share their experiences with.

DVNF's programs are unique, in that we work to enhance programs in veterans' communities throughout the country. We also work to meet the needs of our homeless and low-income veterans who are struggling to make ends meet or simply need help finding gainful employment.

See why our work is so important, and where we see the organization going in the future. [www.dvnf.org](http://www.dvnf.org)

It's our mission at DVNF to fill the void where we can and to speak out loud when veterans are not getting the resources and benefits, they deserve.

We appreciate your enthusiasm and support of our efforts.

Sincerely,



Joseph VanFonda  
SgtMaj USMC (Ret)  
Chief Executive Officer



# 2022 A YEAR IN REVIEW

According to the 2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, there were fewer veteran suicides in 2020 than in any year since 2006. Although the number of suicides have decreased, 1 veteran suicide per year is too many. To help Veterans across the nation dealing with wounds sustained during their service, the Foundation provides services to organizations helping these veterans with Mental and Physical wellness, Housing and Homelessness and Employment.

**The Foundation’s programs served 71 organizations in 30 states.**

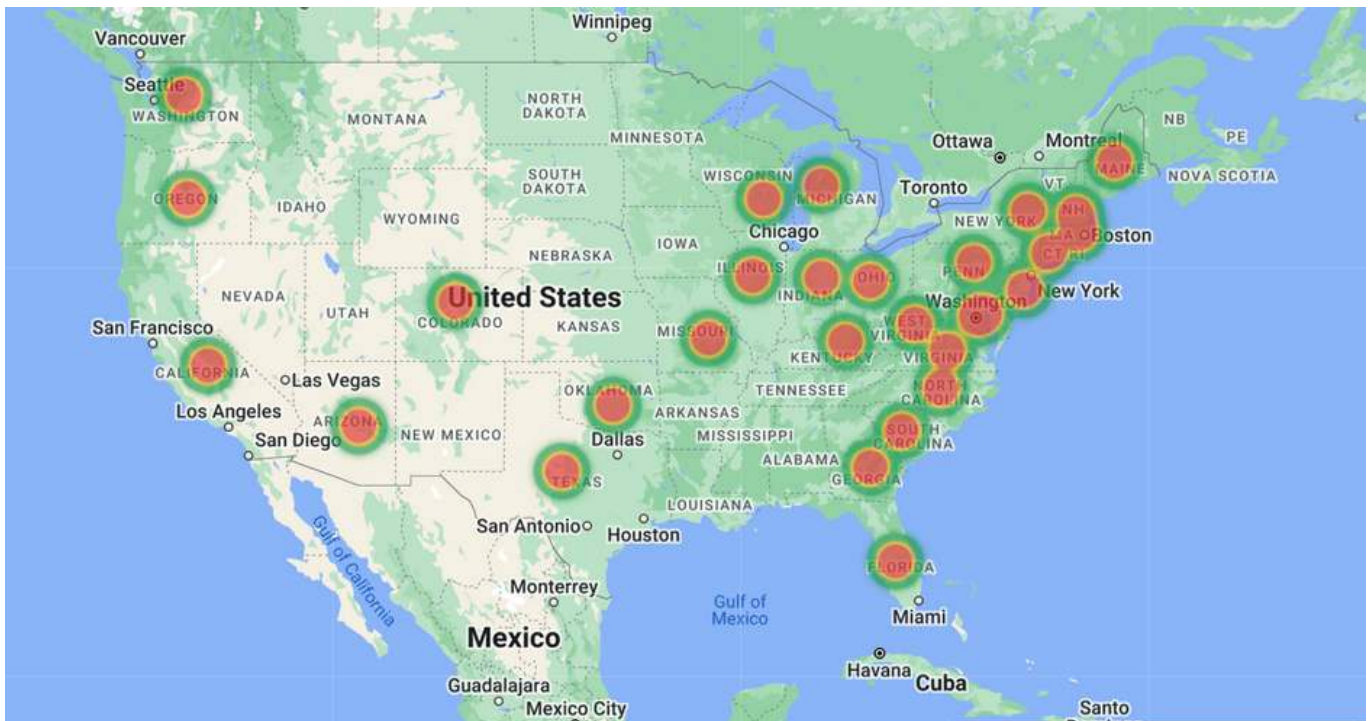
**An investment of \$2,465,512.64 serving almost 30,000 veterans and their families.**

Of these organizations, 43 provided Housing and Homelessness services and 29 provided mental and physical wellness services.

## 2022 INVESTMENT

DVNF FOCUS AREAS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SERVED	DVNF INVESTMENT	NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS SERVED IN THIS AREA
Housing and Homelessness	14,370	\$1,973,012.64	43
Mental and Physical Wellness	13,534	\$492,500.00	29
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>27,904</b>	<b>\$2,465,512.64</b>	<b>72</b>

## STATES SERVED

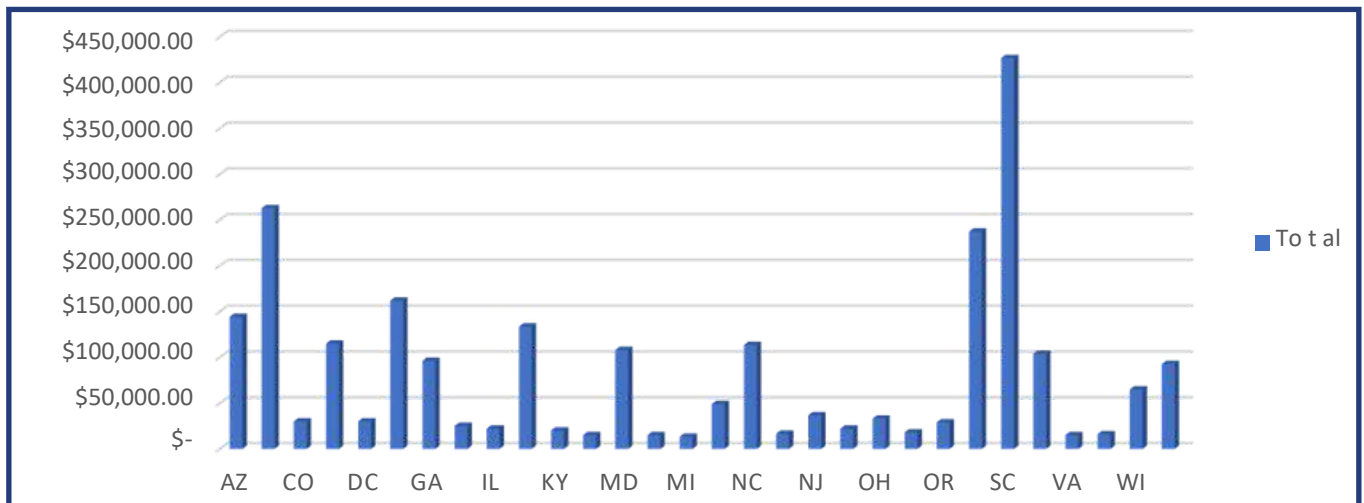


# 2022 CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM PARTNERS

Veterans Moving Forward VMF  
 Bethlehem Farm, Inc.  
 Welcome Home Inc  
 The Salvation Army Miami Area Command  
 USA Cares, Inc.  
 Catholic Charities Of Kansas City St Joseph Inc  
 Self-Discovery: Pain, Positioning & Purpose, Inc.  
 Shining Hope Farms  
 Healing Warriors Program  
 Dog Tag Bakery  
 Village For Vets  
 Family Houston  
 Volunteers of America Massachusetts  
 HomeFront, Inc.  
 Companions for Heroes  
 Maine Paws for Veterans, Inc f/k/a Embrace A Vet, Inc  
 Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough County, FL  
 Military Family Clinic at The University of Pennsylvania  
 Galatians 62  
 Adaptive Sports Center  
 Dentistry 4 Vets  
 Patriot Resilient Leader Institute (PRLI)  
 Queen of Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.  
 National Veterans Legal Services Program

Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council  
 Rebuilding Together Montgomery County  
 Norman Regional Health Systems Foundation  
 Equine Empowered Therapy  
 GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer  
 Veterans of Foreign Wars 7807  
 Salute Inc  
 Working Wardrobes for a New Start  
 Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park  
 Samaritan Center For Counseling And Pastoral Care Inc  
 Opportunity Center for the Homeless  
 Veterans Promise  
 Young Mens Christian Association Of Greater Cincinnati  
 Living Free  
 Soldier Strong  
 Lubbock Regional MHMR DBA StarCare Health System  
 Catholic Charities Hawaii  
 Catalyst Sports  
 Patient Airlift Services  
 Grace After Fire  
 Heart of Horse Sense  
 The Patriot Project  
 Retrieving Freedom, Inc.  
 Conservation Northwest

**DVNF INVESTED OVER \$800,000 TO SUPPORT VETERAN PROGRAMS THROUGH OUR CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM. OVER 15,000 VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES SERVED.**

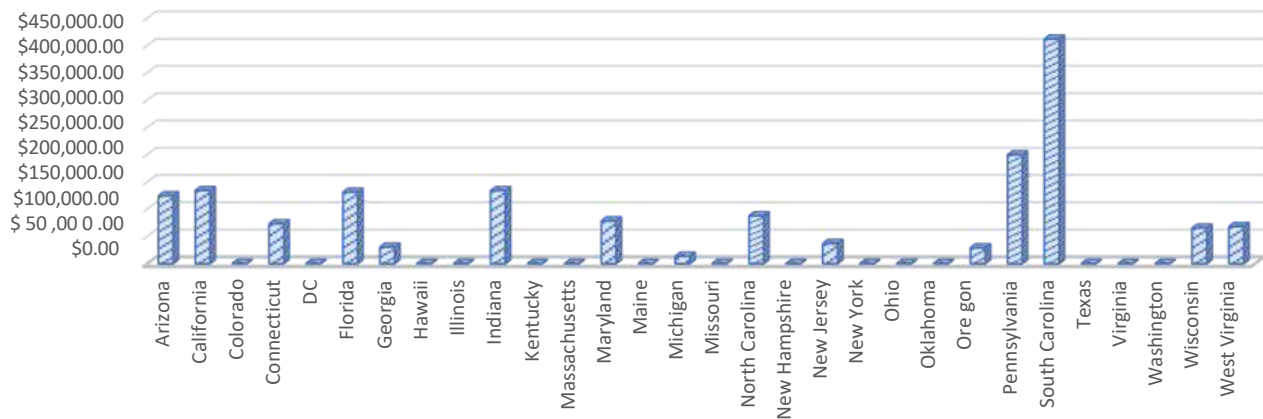


# HEALTH AND COMFORT

Through our Health and Comfort program DVNF distributes our signature Comfort Kits to struggling veterans throughout the country. These kits provide vital necessities such as health and hygiene items, clothing, and more to veterans of all walks of life. The contents of our Comfort Kits vary based on our inventory; however, we always strive to include quality and full-sized items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, and other hygiene items. DVNF has also recently created our own signature Women’s Kits. These kits were created to supplement our Comfort Kits and make sure our too often overlooked female veterans have the personal care items they truly need.

In 2022, the Foundation served approximately 13,000 Veterans and their families through 23 organizations across the nation. This resulted in an investment of 1.6 million dollars to aid our nation’s struggling veterans.

## HEALTH AND COMFORT INVESTMENT BY STATE



- Housing Authority of Prince Georges
- LEEK Hunting and Mountain Preserve, Inc.
- Operation Compassion of Mercer County, Inc.
- Sovereignty Abound African American Community Galatians 62
- Lance Davison Memorial - High Country Stand Down
- Fishers of Men for Veterans
- Vaughn Respite
- Goodwill Industries of Michiana
- Sustaining Fire Ministries
- Alpha Omega Phi Military Fraternity & Sorority Inc.

- Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin
- Project Plase Inc
- Veterans of Foreign Wars 7807
- The Salvation Army Miami Area Command
- Bay Pines VA Healthcare System
- Project Refit
- Premier Community Care Home Inc
- Veternation
- Washington County, Veteran Services
- Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down
- County of Los Angeles Department of Military and Veterans Affairs



# DVNF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Post-COVID-19 many people were in need of additional assistance. To respond to this need, the Foundation began hosting an annual Gran-N-Go to help local veterans. The Foundation staff provided comfort kits and groceries to each participant. In 2022, The Grab-N-Go was sponsored by The Padre Pio Foundation and was held in Newington, Connecticut at the Newington VA. DVNF served 450 Veterans and their families on May 25, 2022.

## 2022 RESOURCE FAIR

200 Veterans and Their Families Were Provided

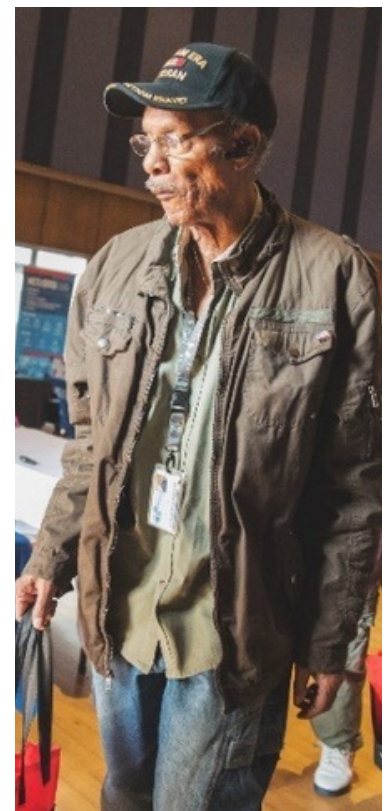
- Comfort Kits
- Bags of Groceries
- Lunch and Snacks
- A New Suit
- A \$25 Gift Card

## 2022 GRAB-N-GO

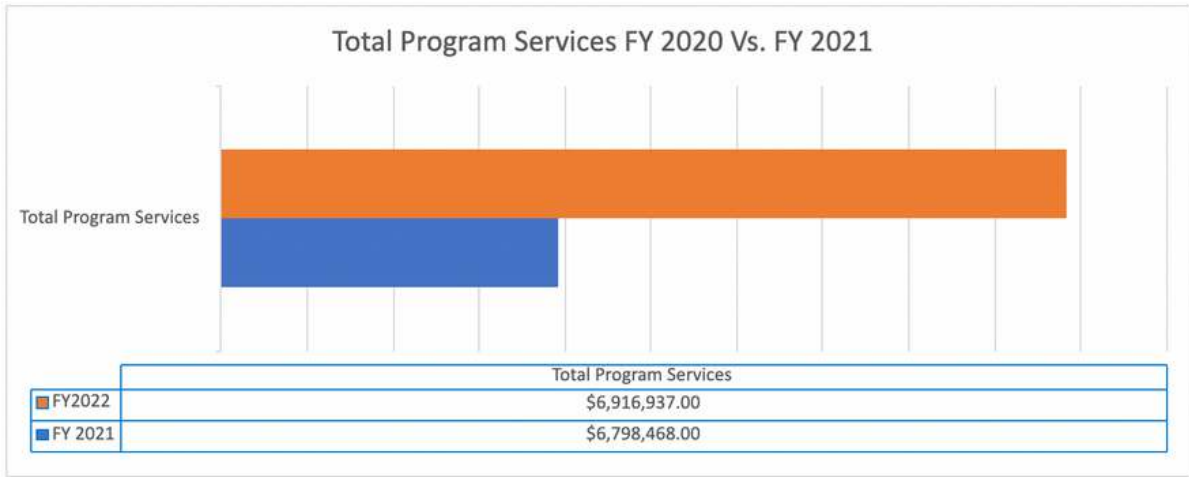
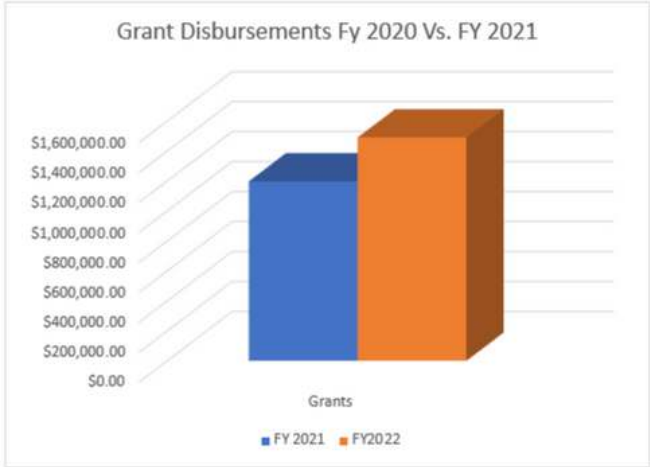
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- Comfort Kits
- Bags of Groceries
- Lunch and Snacks

**\$11,250 Distributed to Participants in Gift Cards**



# 2022 FINANCES



# OUR IMPACT IN 2022

## HEALTH AND COMFORT PROGRAM



**\$1,665,512.64**

Total value of goods sent to veterans.



**+13,000**

Estimated number of Veterans served through our Health and Comfort Program



**12,397**

Comfort kits were provided to low income and homeless veterans



**23**

Program partners across the nation



**30 STATES**

Received support from our Health and Comfort Program

## CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM



**\$800,000 +**

In grants awarded to aid disabled veterans



**+50,000**

Estimated number of Veterans impacted by our Capacity Building Grants Program



**48**

Program partners were awarded grants across the nation



**16 STATES**

Received grants from our Capacity Building Program






**Thank You For Your Support!**




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