



APPLIED BEHAVIORAL
REHABILITATION INSTITUTE, INC.

HOMES FOR THE BRAVE

2018 Annual Report



MISSION

With an emphasis on Veterans, we provide the housing and services necessary to help homeless individuals return to a productive and meaningful life.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to provide a model to enable homeless men, women and their families, especially those who have served our country, to attain safe, affordable housing, meaningful life activity and a livable income so that they may return to a productive and meaningful life.

VALUES STATEMENT

We believe:

1. It is essential to serve others with honesty, integrity, empathy, and patience;
2. Every individual deserves to be treated with respect and dignity;
3. By providing a non-judgmental environment and access to a comprehensive array of services, we demonstrate our commitment to putting those we serve first;
4. Hard work and responsibility lead to independence; and
5. Innovation is essential to developing creative solutions that are responsive to the evolving needs of our residents.



DEAR FRIENDS:

As we work together serving dinner to our residents and hosting another Game Night for their enjoyment, we reflect on a year that presented challenges and struggles, but provided robust successes for our organization.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the amazing generosity of our donors, the remarkable guidance of our Board of Directors, and the resolute dedication of our staff. Most of all, we are grateful for the courage and perseverance of the men and women that reside with us.

In 2018, the average monthly income of our discharged residents increased 62% from their income at entry. Many obtained wonderful employment opportunities, including some in managerial or professional roles, in leading companies. A dedicated Computer Instructor joined our staff to focus specifically on the technology skills of our residents. Our focus on continuing education and vocational training is instrumental to the successful reintegration of our Veterans. Proudly, we surpassed the milestone of serving the 1,200th resident in our 16th year of operation.

Looking ahead to 2019, we will enhance every aspect of our organization. This includes a vigorous Veterans Service Center, with more offerings for both Residents and drop-in Veteran visitors. We have listened to our Residents and are keeping them active and engaged. Game Nights, gardening and recreational activities all contribute to their healing journey.



Whether you have served a meal in one of our houses or conducted a workshop; donated clothing, food, furniture or toiletries; made a financial contribution to one of our many programs or attended an event, we wish to heartily thank you for your support and ask that you continue to do so this year. With the decrease of available government support on both the state and federal levels, our need to generate additional contributions from the private sector increases.

Please enjoy our Annual Report and respond by making a tax-deductible contribution in the enclosed envelope. We look forward to continuing to work together in service to the men and women who answered the call to serve our country.

Very Truly Yours,

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Homes for the Brave



*Female Soldiers:
Forgotten Heroes*



Waldorf House

APPLIED BEHAVIORAL REHABILITATION INSTITUTE, INC.

Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc. (ABRI), doing business as Homes for the Brave, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency based in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Our staff members work with clients to create personalized goals to help them achieve stable income and housing and increase their self-determination. Working with Case Managers, residents create goals to address housing, vocational, educational, and personal needs. Our staff works with each individual to help them secure employment, find safe and affordable housing, and make meaningful contributions to the community. To date, over 1,200 individuals have been served.

HOMES FOR THE BRAVE (HFTB)

Homes for the Brave is a 42-bed transitional living program for homeless male Veterans and up to five non-Veterans. To date, HFTB has provided housing and services to over 1,000 men experiencing homelessness.

WALDORF HOUSE

Waldorf House provides nine units of permanent supportive housing with case management services to independent, formerly homeless individuals. Since 2005, 46 men have called Waldorf House home.

VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

The Homes for the Brave Veterans Service Center provides immediate basic needs and resources to Veterans that do not reside at HFTB or FS:FH. Our staff assists individuals by offering referrals to emergency and permanent housing resources, vocational counseling, assistance with benefits, and other supportive services.

**FEMALE SOLDIERS.
FORGOTTEN HEROES.**



FEMALE SOLDIERS: FORGOTTEN HEROES

The PFC Nicholas A. Madaras Home
The house is named for PFC Nicholas A. Madaras, a young soldier from Wilton, Connecticut who sacrificed his life for our country and whose family was instrumental in the creation of the Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes (FS:FH) program. This 15-bed transitional housing program serves homeless female Veterans and their young children. The only dedicated transitional housing program for women Veterans in Connecticut, FS:FH addresses the unique needs of female Veterans. Since 2011, FS:FH has served 111 women and 14 children.

All ABRI residents have access to:

- Case Management
- Life Skills Coaching
- Vocational Training
- Job Placement

While in our programs, each resident identifies goals to:

- End homelessness
- Secure permanent housing
- Increase income through employment and/or benefits
- Increase self-determination

CLIENT PROFILES: *Success Stories*

JAMES

A Connecticut native, "James" enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1968. Returning home after nearly a year in Southeast Asia, "James" found it hard to reacclimate. He had been exposed to marijuana in Vietnam and soon turned to alcohol and harder drugs to cope with civilian life.

After overdosing multiple times and going in and out of rehab, "James" eventually found a program that worked for him. He married and became a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor to help others in similar situations. A variety of factors led "James" to Home for the Brave, including a foreclosure, his wife's terminal illness, his mother's death and his return to substance use all within six months. "I was



in a rooming house when someone told me about HFTB. Rehabilitation wasn't even mentioned. I just knew it to be a place for Vets."

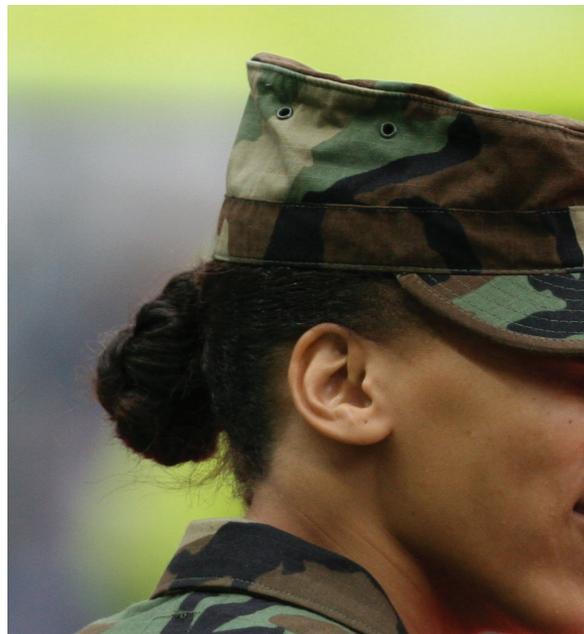
"James" worked with his Case Manager to secure permanent housing and now volunteers assisting those with PTSD to return to the workforce. "If it wasn't for the ongoing support, I don't know where I'd be," he says, reflecting on his time at HFTB. He does offer a bit of advice to those following in his footsteps, "Whatever you

did before, the best decision you made is coming to HFTB.... Take advantage of this opportunity. You might not get another chance."

LUCY

"Lucy" served in the U.S. Coast Guard for a decade. Prior to becoming a resident of Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes, she was incarcerated, suffering from both physical and mental health challenges. "FS:FH made me feel safe," she said. "They were here to help." Presented with the chance to reinvent herself, "Lucy" took the opportunity and ran with it.

Working with both her Case Manager and her Vocational Specialist, "Lucy" identified job prospects that built on her extensive experience in the food industry to find full-time employment. With great enthusiasm and motivation, she pounded the



pavement to personally visit owners and managers. She credits this ability to FS:FH. "I was confident because I had the staff behind me."

Hired full time at an upscale restaurant, "Lucy" saved enough money to move into permanent housing. When asked about her time at FS:FH, she said that "the staff gave me the tools I needed for my quest." And asked what advice she could give to others when in similar situations, it was simply: "Be patient. Follow the rules. Good things will come of it."

FINANCIALS

Revenue & Support

Federal Grants	\$848,444
State Grants	\$146,439
Special Events	\$279,297
less: direct costs	(\$127,630)
Contributions & Small Grants	\$441,365
Client Fees	\$64,017
Other Income	\$34,450
In-Kind Revenue	\$187,049
Total Revenue	\$1,873,431

Expenses

Program	\$1,566,304
Management & General	\$409,062
Total Expenses	\$1,975,366

Assets

Total Assets	\$4,080,165
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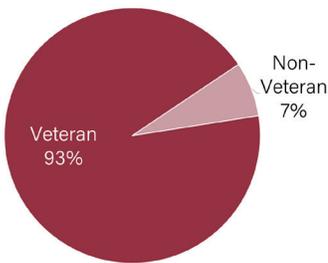
WHO WE SERVE

SUMMARY OF HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR FY 2018

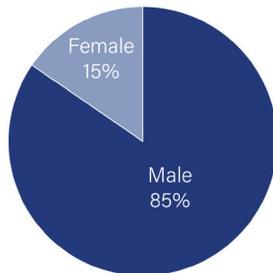
Total number served: **188** (192 including children)

Out of the 188 individuals served this year, 132 were discharged and 56 remained in the three ABRI programs beyond June 30th, 2018.

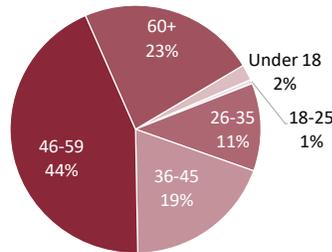
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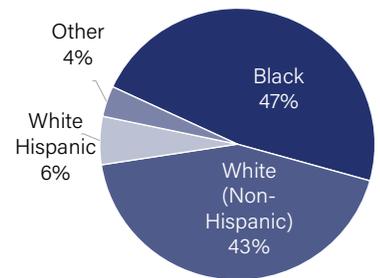
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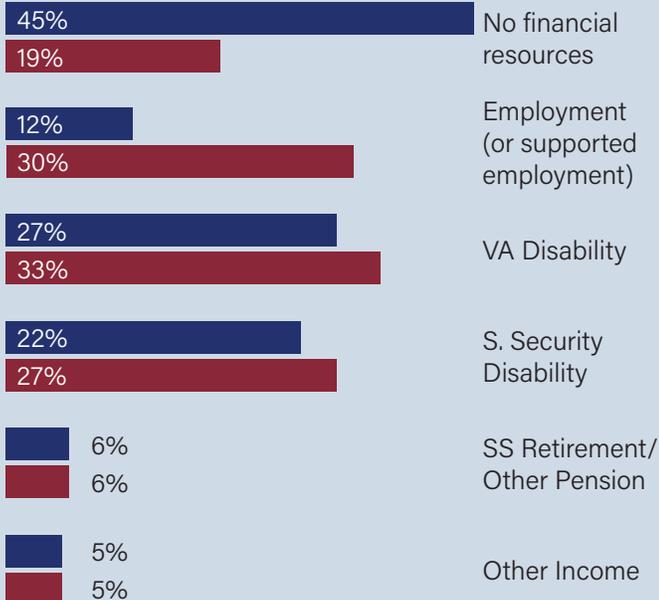


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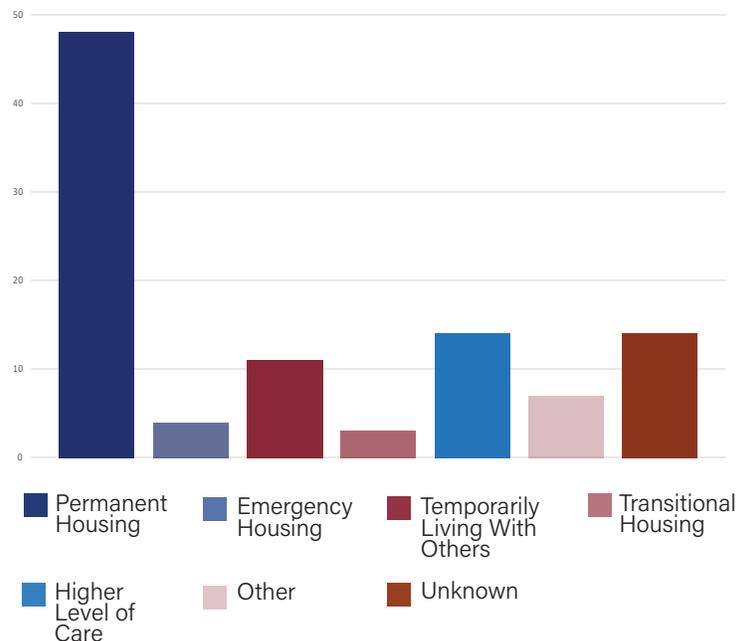
Income Source:*

■ at entry ■ at exit

*Percentages do not equal 100 because some individuals had multiple income sources



Housing Status at Discharge



YEAR IN REVIEW

Throughout the year we have the opportunity to celebrate special occasions that support the men and women we serve. Following are some highlights from this year:

STEP UP FOR THE BRAVE

On September 24, 2017 over 200 climbers ascended a 1,000 step course at the Ballpark at Harbor Yard for the 3rd Annual Step Up for the Brave Stadium Stair Climb Challenge. Chaz from 99.1 WPLR's Chaz and AJ morning show was the event's emcee. "One trip to Homes for the Brave made me a supporter," said Chaz. "It's an honor to be a part of this event and see the community come together to help Veterans in need."



MINI-GOLF

Held November 10, 2017, 100 'golfers' celebrated the men and women who have served us all at the 2nd Annual Mini-Golf Tournament. Players enjoyed 18-holes of miniature golf along with a cocktail reception, awards dinner, and chances to win exciting prizes and auction items.

COMEDY NIGHT

On January 19, 2018, attendees enjoyed a night of laughs while helping Connecticut's homeless Veterans. The 2nd Annual Homes for the Brave Comedy Night, hosted at Vazzano's Four Seasons in Stratford, drew 285 guests and featured a hilarious lineup of Treehouse Comedy pros, all of whom were U.S. military Veterans. Attendees enjoyed dinner, prizes, and sharing the company of those who enjoy a good laugh and giving back.



GOLF CLASSIC

HFTB held the record-setting 14th Annual Homes for the Brave Golf Classic on May 21, 2018 at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield. Attendees played challenging rounds of golf and enjoyed a variety of contests, prizes, and live and silent auctions.

Forgotten Heroes Golf Tournament

by Kathy Piro

Homerun for Heroes

by Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company

CT Charity Triple Crown

by CT Conference of Municipalities

Joint Forces Luncheon

by CT Construction Industries Association

Veterans' Gala

by Chaz & AJ

Sword and Shield Golf Classic

by the Knights of Columbus

SAVE THE DATE

Comedy Night:

March 8, 2019

Golf Classic:

Spring 2019

Step Up For The Brave:

September 2019

Mini-Golf:

November 2019

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of donors who have contributed to ABRI's mission from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

These contributions support housing operations, health and human services, and vocational and life skills training at three unique facilities. Our programs provide the foundation to help individuals achieve their goals. Generous support creates positive change and inspires our residents to begin their life-transforming journey.

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