

SERVING MORE VETERANS IN MORE PLACES

HOMES FOR THE BRAVE

Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc.



THOSE WE SERVE

July 2021 - June 2022

TOTAL NUMBER SERVED

190*

88% VETERANS

*Individual Clients

OUR PROGRAMS

89 SERVED AT HOMES FOR THE BRAVE

17 SERVED AT MADARAS HOUSE

7 SERVED AT HFTB WEST HAVEN

12 SERVED AT WALDORF HOUSE

34 SERVED IN OUR VOCATIONAL PROGRAM

SERVED IN OUR CLINICAL PROGRAM

20 SERVED IN OUR SERVICE CENTER*

*Includes follow-up case management



GENDER

89%[†] MEN

11% [†] WOMEN

† 1% of the clients we served are transgender/gender non-conforming.

SERVING THOSE WITH COMPLEX NEEDS



Clients
Diagnosed with a
Chronic Medical
and/or Physical
Health Condition

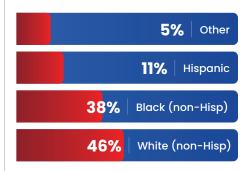
Clients
Diagnosed with
a Substance
Use Disorder

Clients Diagnosed with a Mental Illness Any Disability

AGE



RACE / ETHNICITY



Success Story: **Kim**

HFTB changed my life because it made me realize that I wanted to live. I wasn't sure that I wanted to because I lost everything and had to start over from zero. They saved my life with their support and educated me on the fact that homelessness is not the end. There are so many people there that can help you. I learned it wasn't the end. It was a new beginning, really.

Thank You

Dear Friends:

As we reach our 20th anniversary this fall, Homes for the Brave is celebrating the extraordinary growth that we experienced last year due to your remarkable support. We now have the opportunity to serve more Veterans and their loved ones, in more locations and in more comprehensive ways, than ever before.



Our outstanding staff vigorously embraced our mission of serving Veterans and guiding them to outcomes that included attaining employment, receiving new or enhanced benefits and/or entitlements, and moving into clean, safe and affordable permanent housing.

In March, for the first time in our history, we expanded beyond Bridgeport by opening a six bed home for Veterans experiencing homelessness in West Haven, Connecticut, with a second eight bed home following shortly thereafter. These homes are being operated in collaboration with the Veterans Support Foundation and are blocks away from the VA Medical Center in West Haven.

Then, on June 22, 2022, we expanded our Clinical Program and the Tony Cinquanta Veterans Service Center by celebrating the Grand Opening of our new Annex in downtown Bridgeport. Services available at the Annex include individual and group therapy, vocational counseling, case management follow-up services, and even an emergency food pantry for Veterans AND their family members.

Also in June, Governor Lamont visited Homes for the Brave headquarters to announce a \$1.5 million grant from the State of Connecticut that will be combined with \$600,000 from the VA to reconfigure our sleeping quarters by making twelve private rooms with their own restrooms. This project will also include installing an elevator in our 115 year old headquarters and men's transitional program and will be completed by September 30, 2023.

We are so honored to serve those who have served all of us and invite you to stand with our staff and our Board of Directors. Your continued support will be necessary to ensure that our Veterans continue to be supported with honesty, integrity, empathy and comprehensive services that meet their needs.

Very Truly Yours,

Jim Cannon

Chairman, Board of Directors

Vincent Santilli

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CEO/Executive Director

Homes for the Brave
Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc. (ABRI)

Doing business as Homes for the Brave, we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency based in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Our staff works with each individual we serve to help find safe and affordable housing, secure income through employment and/or benefits, and make meaningful contributions to the community. To date, we have served over 1,500 individuals.

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

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

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;
- 5. Innovation is essential to developing creative solutions that are responsive to the evolving needs of our residents.





Homes for the Brave

Homes for the Brave (HFTB), opened in 2002, provides 42 beds of transitional living for Veteran and non-Veteran men experiencing homelessness with 37 spaces designated for Veterans. It is the largest Veteran program of its kind in the state of Connecticut.



Madaras House (Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes)

The PFC Nicholas A. Madaras Home, opened in 2011, provides transitional housing for up to 14 Veteran women experiencing homelessness and their young children. It is Connecticut's first and only program exclusively for this population.



HFTB West Haven

HFTB West Haven is a transitional housing program that opened in 2022. It consists of two houses, serving up to 14 Veteran men who are experiencing homelessness.



Waldorf House

Waldorf House provides permanent supportive housing with case management services for nine Veterans and non-Veterans who were formerly homeless and are now independent. Residents pay 27% of their gross income for rent, including utilities.

TRAINING FOR SUCCESS



Training for Success Vocational & Educational Program

Our **Training for Success Vocational & Educational Program** offers employment services. Staff work one-on-one with clients on resume writing, job searches, and interview preparation. We connect Veterans with available educational benefits and help provide funding for job training. HFTB's vocational program also offers job prep workshops and computer skills classes to all Veterans.



Tony Cinquanta Veterans Service Center

The **Tony Cinquanta Veterans Service Center** at HFTB opened in 2010. It caters to Veterans experiencing housing instability or those who are at risk of becoming homeless. Individuals can seek help with immediate basic needs. Staff also makes referrals to housing and other supportive services. Programs include case management, life-skills workshops, meetings with federal legislative staffers, peer-support sessions, and therapy dog visits.



Clinical Program

The **Homes for the Brave Clinical Program** addresses the gap in services for mental health and substance abuse needs of Veterans and their family members in our area. Clinical programming includes access to recovery-oriented therapy and wellness programming offering telehealth and in-person sessions with licensed clinicians.

NEW LOCATIONS

The Annex

The **HFTB Annex** provides an open-access drop-in center for any Veteran who is experiencing homelessness or housing issues that may lead to homelessness. The Annex houses services from our Vocational program, Clinical program, and our Service Center. All Veterans in the Greater Bridgeport area and their families are welcome.













HFTB West Haven

HFTB West Haven opened in the spring of 2022. The program is housed in two locations in West Haven, CT near the VA Medical Center, and can serve a total of 14 male Veterans experiencing homelessness at a time, providing them with temporary housing and on-site support. Each Veteran is provided with his own room, support with basic needs (food, clothing, etc.), a case manager, and support from peer support specialists in the evenings and on weekends.



Success Story: **Teddy**



I ended up homeless and broke. I lost multiple jobs and all my savings. I had nowhere else to go. Thank God I was sent to Homes for the Brave, which turned my life around. Homes for the Brave helped me in a myriad of ways. They changed my life and got me back into society. I'm now back on my feet, and life is glorious.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



The Synchrony family is proud of its multifaceted support of Homes for the Brave, providing assistance to the men and women who have served our country.



Synchrony VP Denis Ruane and family donating care packages to our Veterans.

Revenue FY2022

Federal Grants	\$1,206,824
State Grants	\$253,630
Special Events (less direct costs)	\$468,147 (\$152,370)
Contributions & Small Grants	\$660,872
Client Fees	\$60,596
Other Income	(\$918)
In-Kind Revenue	\$245,214
Total Revenue	\$2,741,995

Expenses FY2022

Total Expenses		\$2,645,795
Fundraising Expe	nses	\$246,683
Management & 0	eneral	\$293,244
Programs & Servi	ces	\$2,105,868

Assets

Note: approval of the fiscal year 2022 financial data was pending an official vote by the Board of Directors at the time of printing.

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Governor Lamont Awards a \$1.5 Million State Grant

On June 14, 2022, Governor Ned Lamont held a press conference at Homes for the Brave for the official announcement of a \$1.5 million dollar grant enabling us to install an elevator at HFTB. Additionally, while keeping the bed count at 42, this project will allow us to make 12 of the beds private rooms with their own restrooms. This award will enhance the health and safety of our facility and enable the Veterans residing at HFTB to be able to privately conduct telehealth appointments with their providers. Support for this project was also provided by the VA GPD Capital Grant Program. We would like to thank Governor Lamont and the Bridgeport legislative delegation, as well as the VA, for their continued support.

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2nd Annual Winter Cornhole Tournament January 21, 2023

7th Annual for Veterans, by Veterans Comedy Night March 31, 2023

> 19th Annual Golf Classic May 22, 2023

9th Annual Step OUT for the Brave Summer 2023

4th Annual Veterans Kick-A-Thon November 2023

7th Annual Mini Golf Tournament November 2023



2022 Volunteer of the Year (Posthumously Awarded): James "Big Red" Nemergut | 1946 - 2022

US Navy Veteran James "Big Red" Nemergut was a basketball star, coach and a successful businessman in the area who cared deeply for our Veterans. Every few weeks, he came to HFTB with cases of bottled water, snacks, and supplies. He did this all anonymously. On every major holiday he contributed to the meal that was served and would often drop off cakes and desserts to our men's and women's houses. He will be greatly missed by all of us at Homes for the Brave.

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