

ANNUAL REPORT



2024

CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES TOGETHER

HOMES FOR THE BRAVE

Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc.



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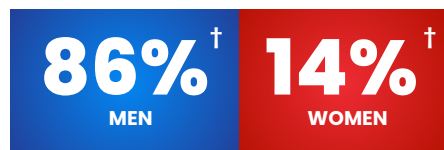
JULY 2023 – JUNE 2024

TOTAL NUMBER SERVED



* Enrollments

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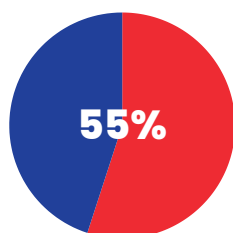
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OUR PROGRAMS

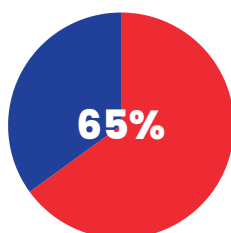


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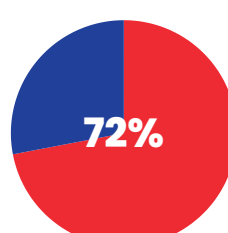
SERVING THOSE WITH COMPLEX NEEDS



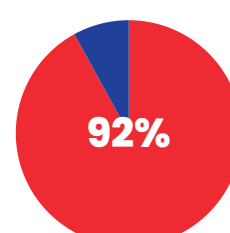
Clients diagnosed with a chronic medical and/or physical health condition



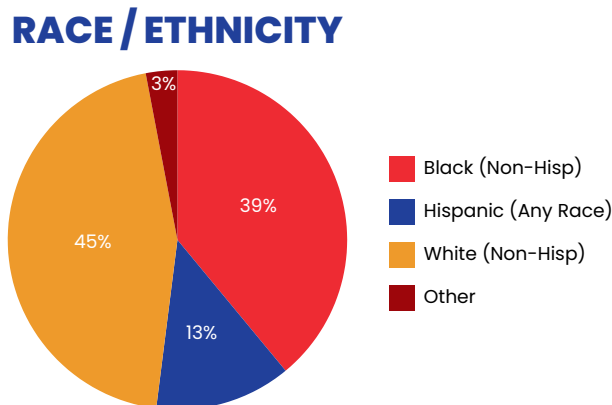
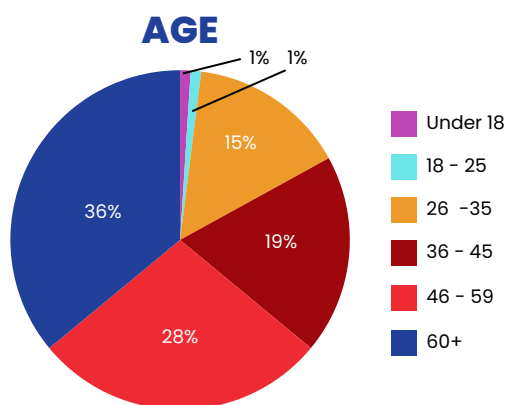
Clients diagnosed with a substance use disorder



Clients diagnosed with a mental illness



Any disability



MISSION STATEMENT:

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:

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,

It's an exciting time to be part of Homes for the Brave!

We are proud to announce our Park Avenue headquarters renovation is already making a difference in the lives of the Veterans we serve. By increasing accessibility and privacy and offering enrichment spaces, their new home is shaping their journey to successful futures.

Our programming has expanded too. Our clinical services include trauma informed psychotherapy sessions and we have partnered with the University of Bridgeport Nursing School and the West Haven VA's Mobil Medical Unit to enhance the health and wellness of the Veterans in our facilities and the Greater Bridgeport area. Our Team at the Tony Cinquanta Veterans Service Center has been working to assist more Veterans with housing, veterans disability claims, and community support programming.

To aid our clients' independence, we grew our workshop offerings. Clients participate in training on a variety of new topics including budgeting, fraud prevention, savings, self-care, gratitude and attitude enhancement, finding budget-friendly utility programs, nutrition and voting.

Our Vocational Team assisted 85% of participating Veterans to acquire employment opportunities or complete job training programs.

We are grateful for the guidance of our Board of Directors, the dedication of our outstanding Staff, and for the determination and efforts of our Veterans as they pursue independence and permanent housing solutions.

Our heartfelt thanks for your generous support cannot be understated, especially in these challenging times, and, as you will see in the pages of this report, we are truly creating brighter futures together.

Very Truly Yours,

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OUR PROGRAMS



Homes for the Brave

Homes for the Brave (HFTB), established in 2002, offers 42 beds of transitional housing for men experiencing homelessness, with 37 of those spaces reserved specifically for Veterans. The facility includes 11 private suites and is Connecticut's largest program dedicated to supporting Veterans in their journey to stability and independence.



Madaras House (Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes)

The PFC Nicholas A. Madaras Home, which 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.



Waldorf House

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



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. Services include case management, assistance with benefits applications, food assistance, connections to federal congressional staffers, referrals for housing and supportive services, and community groups.



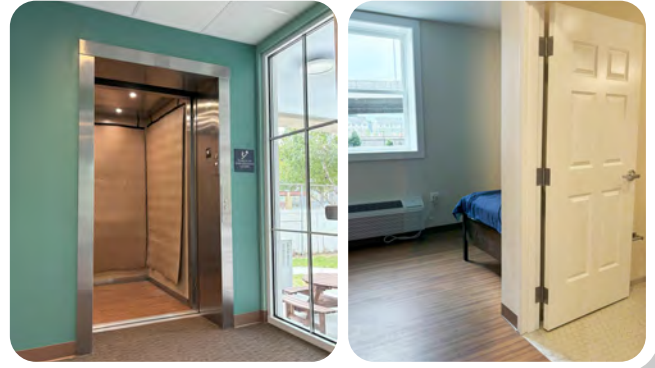
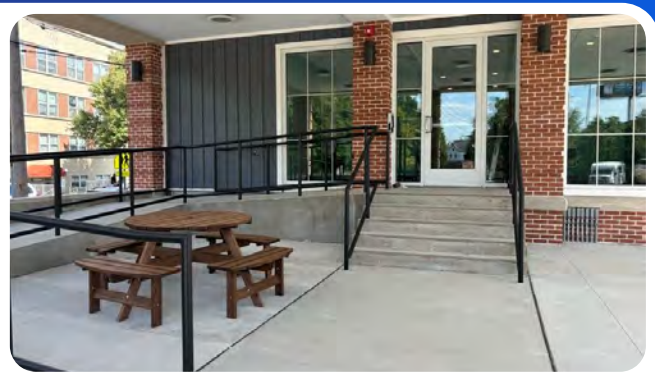
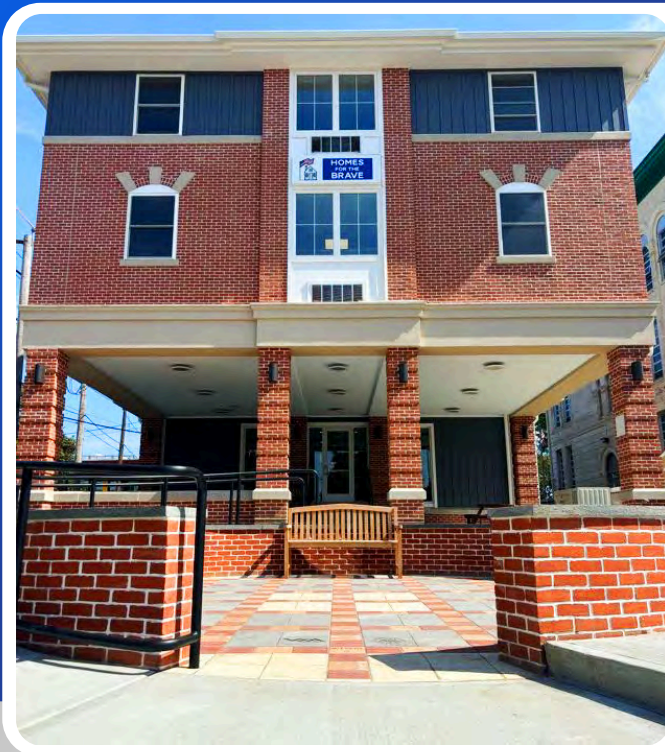
Training for Success Vocational & Educational Program

The Training for Success Vocational & Educational Program offers employment services. Staff work one-on-one with clients on resume writing, job searches, and interview preparation. They 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.



Clinical Program

The Homes for the Brave Clinical Program addresses the gap in services for mental health and substance treatment 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.



Scaling For Success

Homes for the Brave made history this year with the opening of a new state-of-the-art wing at our Park Avenue headquarters. The building expansion marks a milestone in our 22-year history and allows us to improve the lives of the Veterans we serve.

With the addition of eleven individual suites and an elevator, the \$3.5M project provides much-needed privacy for residents and accessibility to our services. Additionally, fitness, game, music, and reflection rooms nurture health and growth.

We thank the US Department of Veterans Affairs and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as the CT Department of Economic and Community Development for helping to make this expansion possible.



SHOWCASING SUCCESS: DEBBIE (U.S. AIR FORCE)

Debbie, an Air Force Veteran, served for 12 years, earning a degree in Business Management and fulfilling her dream of traveling. After facing eviction from her home of 20 years, she turned to Homes for the Brave. HFTB provided her shelter at the Madaras House for Women Veterans and later helped her secure permanent housing. "It was a big relief—it helped me regain my independence," she says. Now, she encourages other Veterans to reach out, adding, "Homes for the Brave is a great resource, connecting Veterans—especially women—to life-changing services."

REVENUE FY2024

Federal Grants	\$2,362,513
State Grants	\$1,666,070
Special Events	\$429,234
(less direct costs)	(\$164,239)
Contributions & Small Grants	\$820,596
Client Fees	\$66,216
Other Income	\$38,113
In-Kind Revenue	\$269,113
Total Revenue	\$5,487,616

EXPENSES FY2024

Programs & Services	\$2,772,639
Management & General	\$347,539
Fundraising Expenses	\$291,190
Total Expenses	\$3,411,368

ASSETS

Total Assets	\$6,243,166
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Note: approval of the fiscal year 2024 financial data was pending an official vote by the Board of Directors at the time of printing.

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As the son of a WWII Naval Veteran, I have always been acutely aware that neither I nor any of my siblings, served in the military. That could only be true because of the many sacrifices made by those who have served and thus allowed us to live lives in which we almost always feel safe and secure from foreign threats. When we at Advantage America learned of the vital work being done at Homes for the Brave, it was clear that we had to join in and invest in their growth, reach, and depth. With a staff that is top to bottom dedicated to serving our Veterans in times of unimaginable need, HFTB has the savvy and the programs and the strategies critical to their mission. We salute them all, and we salute the brave men and women who have found their way here and to those who yet will.

- Gene Waggaman, President

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SHOWCASING SUCCESS: NATHANIEL (U.S. ARMY)

Nathaniel, a U.S. Army Veteran, turned to Homes for the Brave after battling homelessness and addiction. "Homes for the Brave was one of the best things that happened to me," Nathaniel says. Their support helped him rebuild his life, giving him "a fresh start and new hope." Now thriving, Nathaniel hopes his story inspires others, "Homes for the Brave was a sanctuary. Their resources will help with whatever needs you have as a Veteran."

HOMES FOR THE BRAVE UPCOMING EVENTS

9th Annual "For Veterans, by Veterans" Comedy Night
March 28, 2025

21st Annual Golf Classic
May 12, 2025

11th Annual Step Up for the Brave
Summer 2025

6th Annual Veteran's Kick-a-Thon
November 2025

4th Annual Honor Our Veterans 5K Family Run/Walk
November 2025

9th Annual Mini-Golf Tournament
November 2025



2024 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

National Association of Naval Veterans, Port 5

Port 5: National Association of Naval Veterans is dedicated to raising awareness of Veteran and Naval affairs, participating in public functions, and providing a facility for Veterans. Over the past year, Port 5 has provided support to Homes for the Brave by regularly serving delicious meals to our Veterans.

Port 5 also actively supports our events, including Step Up for the Brave, where their team ranked #1 in fundraising. We are grateful for their strong support of Homes for the Brave and the Veterans we serve.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

MAKE A GIFT

Visit **HomesForTheBrave.org/Donate** or scan the QR code below.
Check with your employer about matching gifts.

DONATE GOODS

Our wish list includes the items that our Veterans need most urgently, from bedding to clothing to toiletries and food.

HomesForTheBrave.org/WishList

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer to prepare and serve meals, host supply drives, share your expertise, or become an ambassador.

HomesForTheBrave.org/Volunteer

HIRE A VETERAN

Hire an employee who has a proven capacity to excel: the American Veteran. **HomesForTheBrave.org/HireAVet**

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Thank you for your generosity. During fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, you supported housing and meals, mental health and substance use treatment, vocational and life skills training and so much more. Thank you all for creating positive change in our community, your commitment strengthens our clients' foundations as they work to achieve their goals.

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