

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



BLAZING PATHS TO SUCCESS

HOMES FOR THE BRAVE

Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc.



OUR IMPACT.

JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025



DEGREES OF SUCCESS: JOSE (U.S. ARMY VETERAN)

After losing his business during the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. Army Veteran Jose became homeless. That's when he found Homes for the Brave, a place where he received the housing and support needed to rebuild his life. "My case managers kept me from becoming complacent," he said. "They gave me a plan. They set goals for me, and I was able to reach those goals." With guidance from HFTB's Vocational Program, Jose went back to school and earned an Associate's degree in Human Services. "I went from being homeless to graduating college," he shared. "Homes for the Brave is a place you can go for the help that you need. Don't try it out on your own. There's a resource available, and it works – it worked for me."

TOTAL NUMBER SERVED

344*

90%

VETERANS

* ENROLLMENTS

SERVING THOSE WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

56%

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

52%

Clients diagnosed with a substance use disorder

65%

Clients diagnosed with a mental illness

88%

Any disability

AGE

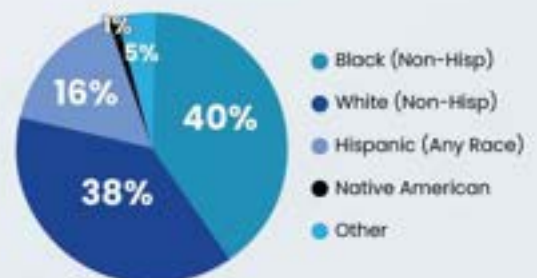


GENDER



† Transgender/gender non-conforming clients are included in these numbers.

RACE/ETHNICITY





Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the last year at Homes for the Brave, we recognize a year defined by meaningful achievements.

Our Headquarters Building Project, which began prior to 2020, has culminated in a remarkable facility—unlike any other in Connecticut or the surrounding region—for Veterans transitioning from homelessness. The newly renovated Homes for the Brave now features 11 private suites, a beautiful second-floor library, and a lower-level wellness space complete with fitness, music, reflection, and TV/game rooms. The outside grounds have been transformed into a welcoming plaza, lined with commemorative bricks and benches.

Thanks to your support, we've been able to stand by our Veterans as they face life's challenges head-on. It has been an extraordinary year for both our Clinical and Vocational Programs. Our Clinical team provided essential care and guidance to Veterans and their family members, helping them heal and rebuild. Meanwhile, our Vocational Program empowered 78% of participating Veterans to take meaningful steps toward independence through job placements, training programs, and college enrollment.

Even amid the disruptions of construction, our dedicated staff remained unwavering in their commitment to guiding Veterans along the path to independence. Simultaneously, our exceptional Board of Directors provided strong leadership—offering insight, dedication, and vision that helped steer us through the year.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your steadfast commitment to our Veterans and their futures. Your support makes a lasting impact, and we invite you to continue standing with us as we help those who served reach their fullest potential.

Very Truly Yours,

Paul Mayer

Chairman, Board of Directors

Vincent Santilli

CEO/Executive Director

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.

OUR WORK.



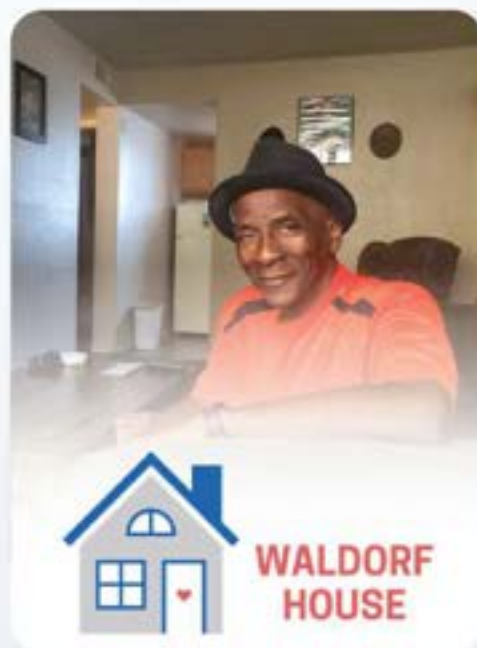
Homes for the Brave

Connecticut's largest program supporting Veterans in their journey to stability and independence, providing 42 beds of transitional housing for men experiencing homelessness, with 37 spaces reserved for Veterans, including 11 private suites.



Madaras House for Women Veterans

Connecticut's first and only program exclusively for Veteran women experiencing homelessness and their young children, with transitional housing for up to 14 families.



Waldorf House

Permanent supportive housing with case management services for nine formerly homeless Veterans and non-Veterans. Residents pay 27% of their gross income for rent and utilities.

TOTAL SERVED

July 2024 - June 2025

104

Served at Homes for the Brave

25

Served at Madaras House for Women Veterans

9

Served at Waldorf House

134

Served at Tony Cinquanta Veterans Service Center

47

Served in Training for Success Vocational & Educational Program

22

Served in Clinical Program



Tony Cinquanta Veterans Service Center

Helping Veterans experiencing housing instability or those at risk of becoming homeless.

Providing immediate basic needs assistance, case management, help with benefit applications, food assistance, referrals for housing and supportive services, and more.



Training for Success Vocational & Educational Program

Providing employment services such as resume writing, job search assistance, computer skills classes, interview and job preparation workshops, and connections to educational benefits and job training funding.



Clinical Program

Addressing the gap in services for mental health and substance treatment needs of Veterans and their families, including access to recovery-oriented therapy and wellness programming with licensed clinicians.



REBUILDING LIVES: ELIZABETH (U.S. ARMY VETERAN)

Elizabeth, a U.S. Army Veteran, came to Homes for the Brave's Madaras House for Women Veterans after suddenly becoming homeless. Alone and afraid, she spent several days not knowing where to turn—until she was given the number for Homes for the Brave.

"I was so scared and didn't know where to go," she said. "Then I was welcomed into Madaras House and immediately felt at home." With support from the programs and services offered, Elizabeth regained her stability. "Homes for the Brave helped get me housed and back on my feet. It was a truly positive experience that helped me rebuild my life," she said.

OUR THANKS.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT: A ROYAL FLUSH

At A Royal Flush, honoring those who've served is deeply rooted in who we are. As a Veteran-family-owned and operated company, we're guided by the values of discipline, service, and community. With a retired Marine Corps Sergeant in our senior leadership and several Veterans proudly among our ranks, we remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting the rights, recovery, and reintegration of service members — especially through our ongoing partnership with Homes for the Brave.

Every single A Royal Flush portable you see at a job site or event in Connecticut represents a donation made to this incredible organization. We are profoundly grateful to our customers — your partnership helps us deepen our impact and continue giving back to those who've served.

We Thank Our Annual Event Sponsors

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RED, WHITE, & BLUE



SILVER



BRONZE



2025 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Jason (Jay) Piccirillo (Awarded posthumously)

Jay Piccirillo was a true treasure to Homes for the Brave and the greater Bridgeport community. With his larger-than-life personality and warm, generous spirit, Jay made an indelible impact on everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. His support for Homes for the Brave was unwavering—whether he was hosting fundraisers or sharing his famous Micalizzi's Italian Ice, Jay approached everything he did with passion, kindness, and enthusiasm. His presence brought joy to countless events and hearts, and his legacy of generosity will continue to inspire us for years to come. He is deeply missed.



Revenue FY2025

Federal Grants	\$1,490,886
State Grants	\$185,025
Special Events	\$547,790
(less direct costs)	\$(147,552)
Contributions & Small Grants	\$584,858
Client Fees	\$54,270
Other Income	\$30,425
In-Kind Revenue	\$202,375
Total Revenue	\$2,948,077

Expenses FY2025

Programs & Services	\$2,481,207
Management & General	\$419,417
Fundraising Expenses	\$324,956
Total Expenses	\$3,225,580

Assets

Total Assets	\$6,067,949
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Note: approval of the fiscal year 2025 financial data was pending an official vote by the Board of Directors at the time of printing.



Board of Directors

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(US Air Force Veteran)

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Upcoming Events

10th Annual
"For Veterans, By Veterans" All-Star Comedy Night
March 27, 2026

22nd Annual
Golf Classic
May 11, 2026

12th Annual
Step Up for the Brave
Summer 2026

7th Annual
Veteran's Kick-a-Thon
November 2026

5th Annual
Honor Our Veterans 5K Family Run/Walk
November 11, 2026

10th Annual
Mini-Golf Tournament
November 2026

AMERICA'S VETERANS NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER.

CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY

Your monetary donation directly supports Veterans on their path to independence. Visit HomesForTheBrave.org/Donate or scan the QR code below. Don't forget to ask your employer about matching gift opportunities.

DONATE GOODS

Our Veterans rely on community support for essential items like bedding, toiletries, clothing, and food. Explore our current needs at: HomesForTheBrave.org/WishList

VOLUNTEER

Lend a hand by preparing and serving meals, organizing supply drives, sharing your professional expertise, or representing us as a community ambassador. HomesForTheBrave.org/Volunteer

HIRE A VETERAN

Bring proven leadership, discipline, and skill to your workplace by hiring an American Veteran. HomesForTheBrave.org/HireAVet

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE

Turn your car into meaningful support. Vehicle donations are free, easy, and tax-deductible. HomesForTheBrave.org/Cars

INCLUDE HFTB IN YOUR WILL

Leave a legacy that uplifts Veterans for generations to come. HomesForTheBrave.org/Donate

ATTEND EVENTS

Join us for six major events held each year to support our Veterans. Enjoy a great time while making a lasting difference. HomesForTheBrave.org/Events



TOGETHER, WE ARE CHANGING LIVES.

From July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, your generosity provided safe housing, nourishing meals, critical mental health and substance use treatment, job training, and so much more. Because of you, Veterans who once faced homelessness and hardship are finding hope, strength, and the opportunity to build brighter tomorrows.

Your compassion fuels every success story. Thank you for honoring those who served our nation by standing beside them as they reclaim their independence.

To view a full list of donors, please visit: HomesForTheBrave.org/AnnualReport



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