# HOMES FOR THE BRAVE





2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

# FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friend,

As you likely already know, KVF is focused on providing low barrier housing assistance for high risk veteran populations here in Southern Nevada.

What you may not know is that according to the most recent census data, Clark County experienced a 16% increase in homelessness overall this year, and 1 in 6 is a veteran. That's nearly twice the national average.

There are many factors that contribute to veterans homelessness: financial insecurity, unemployment or underemployment, lack of affordable housing, mental health issues, addiction behaviors, and more.

However a veteran found themselves facing a crisis, Kline Veterans Fund was there to help. This year we received a record number of applications for assistance, and through strong community support, served more veterans than ever before with housing & utility assistance, education, food, medical care and other basic needs.

This year marks my 5th anniversary at the helm of KVF, and I am beyond proud of our continued impact in the veteran and military community. What began as a grassroots effort to get veterans off the streets has grown into a vital community resource serving thousands of our most vulnerable veterans in need.

Brandon, a disabled Navy vet and father of four sought help through our *Homes For* the Brave program when loss of income, rising prices, and unexpected medical expenses left his family struggling to get by.

"People like you make life a little easier and brighten up days when it seems as if they will provide nothing but more rain.

From my children, my wife and myself...thank you so very much."

None of this work would be possible without our loyal supporters. I hope you feel proud as you read through the following pages and learn more about the accomplishments you helped make this year. On behalf of our clients, staff, and board, we extend our deepest thanks.

With Gratitude, Stephanie Helms stephanie@klineveteransfund.org

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US Army
President

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Our board is comprised of veterans and military adjacent members who are keenly aware of the challenges faced by the population we serve. This structure provides unique peer support for our client base.



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## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

2,411

**TOTAL VETERANS SERVED** 



\$435,000

**INVESTED IN VETERANS IN 2023** 

11,340

**NIGHTS OF SHELTER** 

1,672

SUPPORT SERVICES

875

MEALS PROVIDED

372

PEOPLE HOUSED

80

UTILITIES CONNECTED

38

SERVICE DOGS

5

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

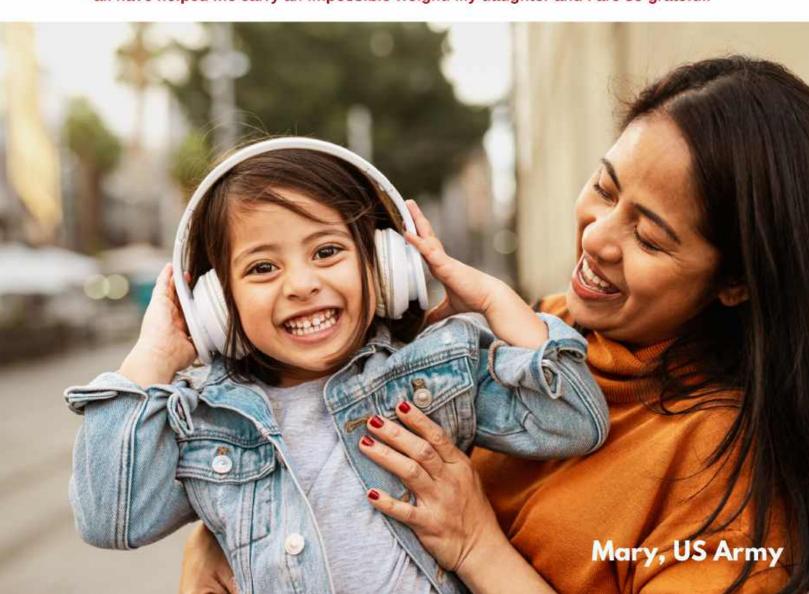
## **CLIENT SPOTLIGHT**

Meet Mary, a highly decorated Army veteran who deployed to Iraq during Operation Enduring Freedom. She's also a single mom. In addition to being the sole provider of her household, Mary is also a full time student pursuing her bachelor's degree.

This soldier found herself under a tremendous amount of stress trying to balance family, work, and school. She struggled to find affordable housing that was financially sustainable and keeping a roof over her daughter's head was the top priority.

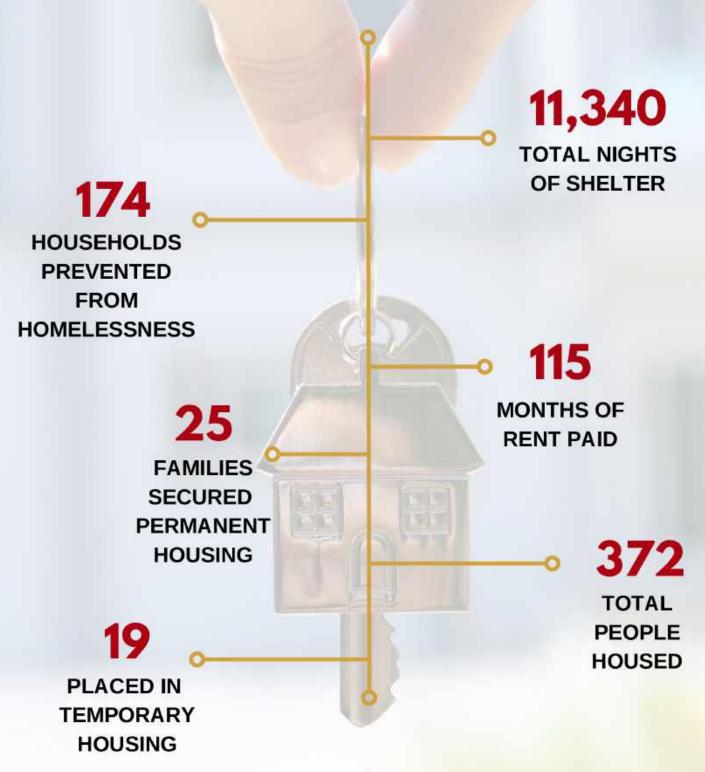
Through our *Homes For the Brave* program, KVF covered the necessary deposit to secure Mary's new apartment and also connect her with a generous partner to furnish it. Now she can focus on building the best life for her family.

"I cannot even express my gratitude. This has been one of the hardest seasons in my life and you all have helped me carry an impossible weight. My daughter and I are so grateful."



# **HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

Safe, stable, and reliable housing is critical to the health and wellbeing of veterans and their families. Our efforts to house veterans are grounded in outreach and collaboration to understand their unique needs and address them in a timely fashion.



## **EDUCATION ASSISTANCE**



Kayla, Sophomore Utah Tech University

### **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Kline Fund Scholars program provided tuition assistance to five veteran-dependent students in 2023, doubling the amount of each individual award to help keep up with increased education costs.

With your support, KVF is working to ensure that these and many more students have the means to attend and complete college.

"I am beyond grateful for the Kline scholarship program and the impact it has made on my education.

This scholarship has been an integral part of my support system, allowing me to focus on my engineering degree."

### **SERVICE DOG TRAINING**

Assistance dogs support veterans experiencing both mental and physical challenges with reintegration into civilian life, playing an important role in allowing them to become more independent.

In addition to unconditional love and companionship, there are many tactical skills and tasks that service animals provide.

We are proud to sponsor scholarships for service dog training for veterans like retired Airman Denise.

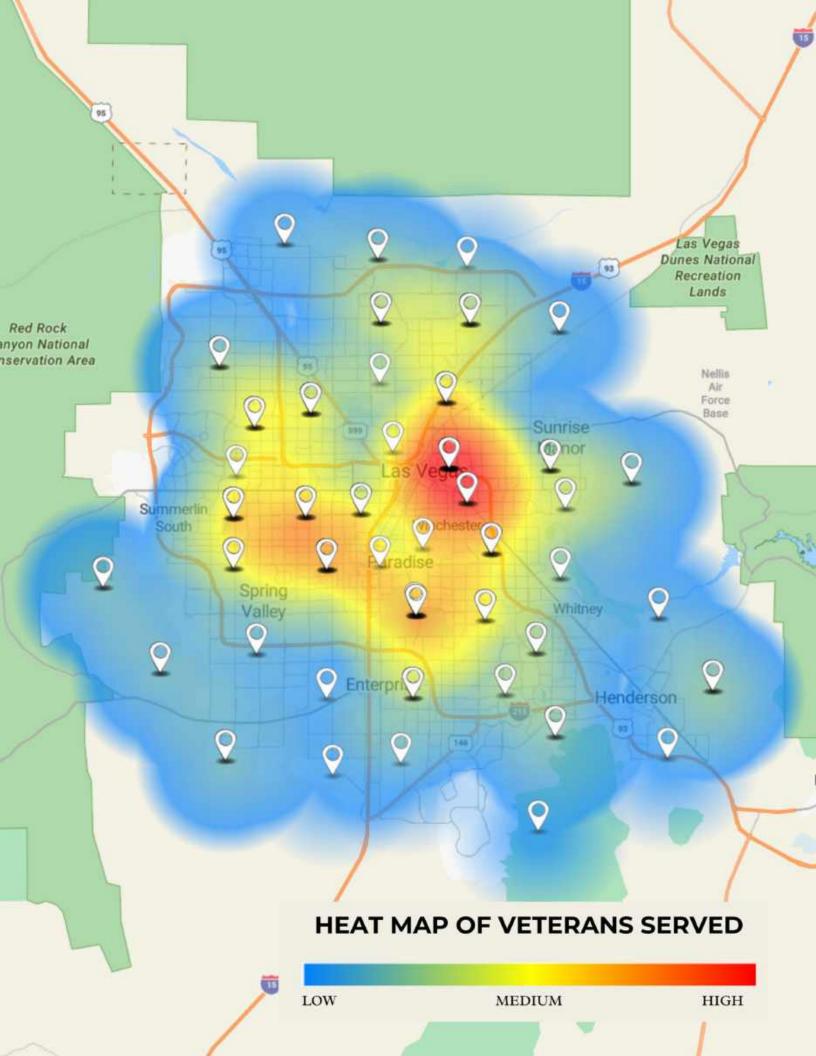
"We are so grateful for the honor.
Phantom gives me so much confidence
that I have my freedom back.
Thank you so very much."



Denise & Phantom Scholarship Recipients

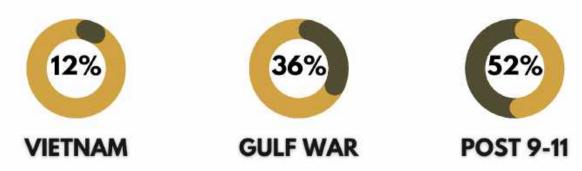
## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



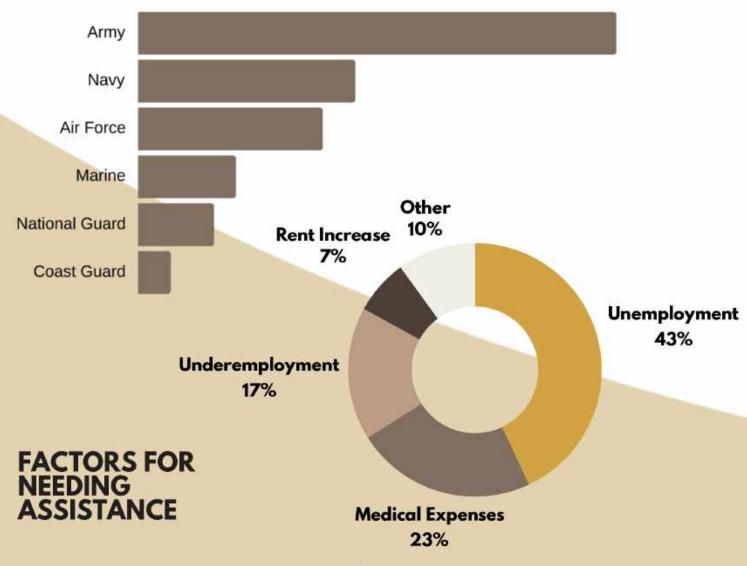


## **CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

#### **SERVICE ERA**



#### SERVICE BRANCH



# DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO HIGH NEED POPULATIONS



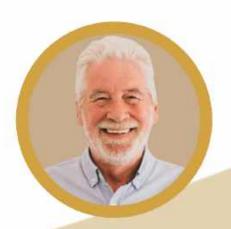
84% FAMILIES



70%
DISABLED OR
CHRONICALLY ILL



64% VETERANS OF COLOR



33% SENIOR CITIZENS



25% FEMALE VETERANS



17% SINGLE PARENTS

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

With the support of these amazing community partners, KVF was there to provide programs and services to thousands of high risk veteran families in Southern Nevada. Thank you for investing in our mission.

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## **VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

We were tremendously honored to receive the Gold Stars of Nevada award from Nevada Volunteers in 2023.

This is the highest honor bestowed by our Governor to celebrate organizations who model Nevada values of service, responsibility, cooperation, and compassion.

This recognition shines a light on our exceptional volunteers by naming our program as best in the state.





Volunteers are critical to the success of our mission, and we are so appreciative of them joining hands to lift up our veterans.

Our annual Volunteer
Appreciation Program
celebrated these dedicated
individuals with a Self Care Day
and baby goat yoga class
sponsored by Americorps.

This year, 60 amazing volunteers gave 4,900 hours of time valued at an incredible \$155,800 to our cause.

# **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Thank you for supporting outreach and fundraising events throughout the year.

Events like our annual Stars & Strikes bowling tournament and Salute to Veterans Golf Classic provide opportunities to honor and celebrate military service. Outreach events like essential items and meal distribution help ensure that veteran families have what they need to survive and thrive in our community.







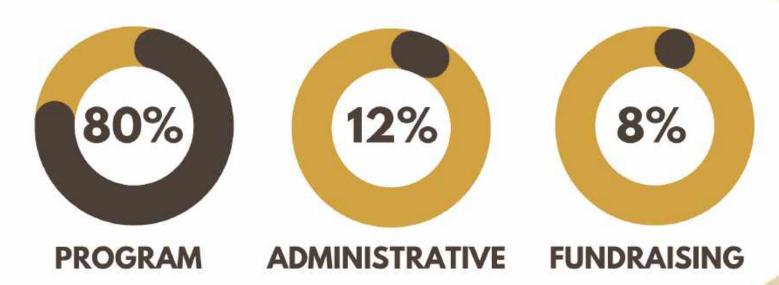






## **FINANCIALS**

## **FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**



## **REVENUE SOURCES**



Financial Statements are audited by Ellsworth & Stout CPAs.

## **OUR MISSION**

The Kline Veterans Fund provides emergency housing assistance and supportive services to homeless and at-risk veterans and their families and caregivers in Southern Nevada.

## **VOLUNTEER | DONATE | ADVOCATE**









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