

Operation Homebound

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We are proud to announce our new program: Operation Homebound.

Working in conjunction with Wayne County Veterans Affairs, we will be helping homeless veterans. We will be providing:

- Short and long-term housing solutions
- Three meals a day
- Mental health resources and counseling
- Job training

For this project, we are happy to have received a wave of support from the community. Thank you to:

- Reverend Charles Williams II, Pastor Alonzo Bell, and Pastor Maurice Woods for their help with temporary housing
- The Detroit Pistons and their corporate sponsors Delta Dental and McDonald's for helping with the daily needs of these veterans
- TCF Bank for their donation and continuing support

There are between 78,000-83,000 veterans in Wayne County alone. That's the largest amount of veterans in the entire state of Michigan.

Veteran homeless rates are high. The homeless population has almost twice as many veterans within it as the general population does. This hits marginalized groups disproportionately harder, with roughly 45% of the homeless veteran population being Black or Hispanic, according to [The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans](#), even though those groups only make up a combined 13.4% of the veteran population.

We want to help. That's why we are working in conjunction with Wayne County Veterans Affairs for our newest project: **Operation Homebound**.

This new project is built to provide both immediate and long-term shelter relief for veterans. Our aim is not to simply give them a place to live but to provide these heroes with the aid and support that they

need to be self-sustaining and have a full and safe life for both them and their families.

How We Help

The first step of Operation Homebound is to get homeless veterans off of the street. We recognize that any long-term help we try to give will be futile if it isn't matched with a short-term solution. That's why we offer six weeks of temporary housing. Wayne County Veteran's Affairs has funded our renovation of three buildings that will serve as the location for this temporary housing.

While staying with us in temporary housing, we can focus on working on long-term solutions. On top of providing three meals a day, we also provide mental health resources, counseling, and job training. We also walk with them through their options for long-term housing solutions, including renting and buying.

Our goal is to give these veterans secure, clean housing and nutritional meals while surrounding them with the social and psychological support they need.

Not only are we aiming to help veterans within our own programs, but we are proud to be partners with five nonprofit organizations in Wayne County who we are giving \$20,000 each to help continue their support of veterans.

How Others Help

We're not doing this alone. We're grateful to have received help from the community in putting this together.

Some of the people and groups who have been with us for this project include:

- Three pastors are involved in this project. They include Reverend Charles Williams II, Pastor Alonzo Bell, and Pastor Maurice Woods. These gentlemen have been generous enough to agree to handle the housing of the veterans and provide them with social needs.
- The Detroit Pistons have donated hoodies, sweatpants, socks, t-shirts, and other similar items. Their corporate sponsors have also gotten into the giving spirit. Delta Dental is providing toiletry and self-care kits and McDonald's is providing meal vouchers.
- TCF Bank has contributed \$15,000 and is looking to be there along the way providing odds-and-ends as needed.

If you have any questions about the program, give us a call at [\(313\) 255-9500](tel:3132559500) or leave us a message on our [Contact Us](#) page.

A promotional poster for the launch of Operation Homebound. The top section is red with white text: "VETERANS WILL RECEIVE FREE GIVEAWAYS THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:". Below this are logos for National Faith Home Buyers, Detroit Pistons, McDonald's, TCF Bank, Wayne County Michigan (Warren C. Evers), and Delta Dental. The middle section has a dark red background with a silhouette of a soldier. It says "JOIN US FOR THE LAUNCH OF OPERATION HOMEBOUND" in large white letters. Below that, it describes the partnership with National Faith Home Buyers and three local churches to provide transitional housing for homeless veterans. The bottom section is blue with white text: "REGISTRATION BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 1111 WHITTIER AVE. DETROIT, MI 48224 WE WILL BE TAKING ORDERS FOR COATS FOR VETERANS IN NEED." A small logo for Warren C. Evers is also visible in the bottom left of the poster.

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HOME BUYERS DETROIT PISTONS MCDONALD'S tcf bank WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN WARREN C. EVERS DELTA DENTAL

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National Faith Home Buyers will be partnering with three local churches to ensure homeless veterans across Detroit have shelter. Through Operation Homebound, these three churches in partnership with National Faith Home Buyers will provide nearly six weeks of CDC guideline compliant transitional housing for homeless veterans. Programs offering assistance in housing placement will also be available. Representatives from the Detroit Pistons will also be present.

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