

VLP NEWSLETTER



VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

SERVING VETERANS SINCE 1982

JOIN VLP FOR OUR 21ST ANNUAL VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

Monday, November 11, 2019 | 8AM
at Duquesne University

Considered to be one of the largest Veterans Day breakfasts in Pennsylvania, this occasion brings together 600 guests—including Veterans who served in WWII to the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. We enjoy a meal together, honor those who have served, and hear their inspiring stories.

See link below for tickets.



Presents
21st Annual Veterans Day Breakfast

VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

Meet Chester, a United States Navy Veteran.

VLP HUD Program Coordinator, Robert Davis, learned of Chester's housing situation late one Tuesday night. Robert spent the evening calling landlords to secure housing options. By 8AM the next morning, Robert had located, inspected, and signed the lease and moved Chester into his new apartment.

Welcome Home Veteran Chester!

STAND DOWN PITTSBURGH

VLP held our 12th Annual Stand Down Pittsburgh on Saturday, October 5th that served hundreds of Veterans and their families at our office on Smallman Street.

Thank you to our volunteers, sponsors, and community partners who helped make the event so successful and impactful!



UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

VLP hosted a group of volunteers for the 2019 United Way Women's Leadership Council Day of Caring. The volunteers spent the day cleaning the homes of Veterans in our Project Journey Program.

Project Journey, funded through the United Way, provides emergency housing and financial assistance to Women Veterans experiencing unforeseen hardships.

VLP HONORED BY PIRATES CHARITIES

VLP was honored by the Pittsburgh Pirates at PNC Park! Additionally, VLP was presented with a generous check from PNC for our 12th Annual Stand Down Pittsburgh.

Thank you to the Pirates Charities and PNC for joining our mission to empower Veterans!



VLP CDO: EMPOWERING WOMEN HONOREE

VLP's Chief Development Officer, Toshua Jarrett, was honored as a 2019 Empowering Woman in Business by Inspiring Lives Magazine.

Toshua was chosen for her passion and humility in the way that she advocates and secures funding for our local Veterans in need. Each day, because of Toshua's impact, Veterans living on the streets are able to move into safe and stable housing, Veterans who are unemployed are able to receive job placement and readiness training, and Veterans in need can receive support and care. Congratulations, Toshua!

TEAM VLP COMPLETES SPARTAN RACE

The VLP Team took on the Spartan Stadion, an intense 5K race with 20 Obstacles at PNC Park.

Fitness plays an important role in VLP's holistic wellness programs to improve mental and physical health, reduce substance abuse, and promote a higher quality of living among veterans.



VLP IN THE COMMUNITY

VETERAN RESOURCE FAIR

VLP participated in the Veteran Resource Fair hosted by Representative Sara Innamorato and Representative Jake Wheatley. VLP's CEO, Dr. Ben Stahl, and Veterans Court Service Coordinator, Jessica Adams, served as speakers on the Veteran Services Q+A Panel.

MCGINLEY-RICE SYMPOSIUM

VLP's Chief Operating Officer, Christy Pietryga, served as a speaker at Duquesne University's 10th Annual McGinley-Rice Symposium on Homelessness. Christy discussed the ways VLP is working to end Veteran homelessness.

VA MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

The VLP Team attended the 2019 VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System Mental Health Summit.

VLP served as a breakout session to inform local mental health practitioners on the programming offered to the Veterans and families of our region.

FEDERAL PERMANENT HOUSING CONFERENCE

VLP attended the 2019 Federal Permanent Housing Conference held by the VA, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

The conference is focused on solutions to ending homelessness in the current affordable housing crisis.

NOVEMBER EVENTS AT VLP

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- Hidden Heroes- Veteran Caregiver Luncheon
 - Tuesdays | 11AM (Childcare Provided)
- Workforce Wednesdays | 10AM-4PM
- Rallypoint Veteran Support Group
 - Thursdays | 10AM with Pittsburgh Mercy
- Advantage Credit Counseling
 - Thursdays | 9:30AM-4:30PM

WOMEN VETERAN EVENTS

- 11/10 Yoga & Smoothies | 10 AM
- 11/15 Women Veterans Luncheon | 11AM
- 11/19 Women Veterans Book Club | 10AM
- 11/20 Yoga & Smoothies | 7PM

For more information or to RSVP contact: gerhauserp@vlpwpa.org or 412-481-8200

LANDLORD OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 29 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM
VLP - 2934 SMALLMAN STREET

Join the Pittsburgh Veterans Boot Camp Committee's fight to end Veteran homelessness by becoming a Veteran Landlord Partner! Learn about the benefits of renting through our housing programs while networking with local organizations.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

NOVEMBER 9 | 10:00 AM
DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH

Celebrate the 100th Veterans Day at the 2019 Veterans Day Parade throughout Downtown Pittsburgh!

Are you a Veteran that would like to join us in the parade? Contact us at ernstm@vlpwpa.org

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 11 | 8:00 AM
DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

Considered to be the largest Veterans Day breakfast in the state of Pennsylvania, we annually bring together nearly 700 guests and Veterans to honor those who have served. Purchase your tickets today!



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