



Tunnel^{TO} Towers
Foundation

Bradenton Veterans Village

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our Mission: Eradicate Homelessness Among Our Nation's Veterans

(Since 2016, the national veteran homeless population has hovered around 35,000)

Florida has the second largest homeless veteran population in the United States.

Our Projects provide:

- A stable, dignified and safe permanent home environment for veterans.
- Supportive services to diagnose and solve the root causes of homelessness in a secure environment.
- Assistance to tackle distinct and individualized emotional, financial, and physical challenges.
- Reintegration of formerly homeless veterans into society as valued members.

Tunnel to Towers will empower Florida's veterans who have fallen on hard times to regain control of their lives and guide them to independence.

OUR APPROACH

Veterans Village

- ☐ Adaptive Reuse of existing properties
- ☐ Community of 525 sq. ft. Comfort Homes
- ☐ On-site Supportive Services
 - Medical
 - Mental
 - Employment
 - etc.

National Case Management

- ☐ Intake through a Call Center
- ☐ Assign Case Manager to Coordinate Care
- ☐ Case Manager identifies & works with local supportive service provide to assist veteran obtain housing, benefits, and services

<https://t2t.org/homeless-veteran-program/>

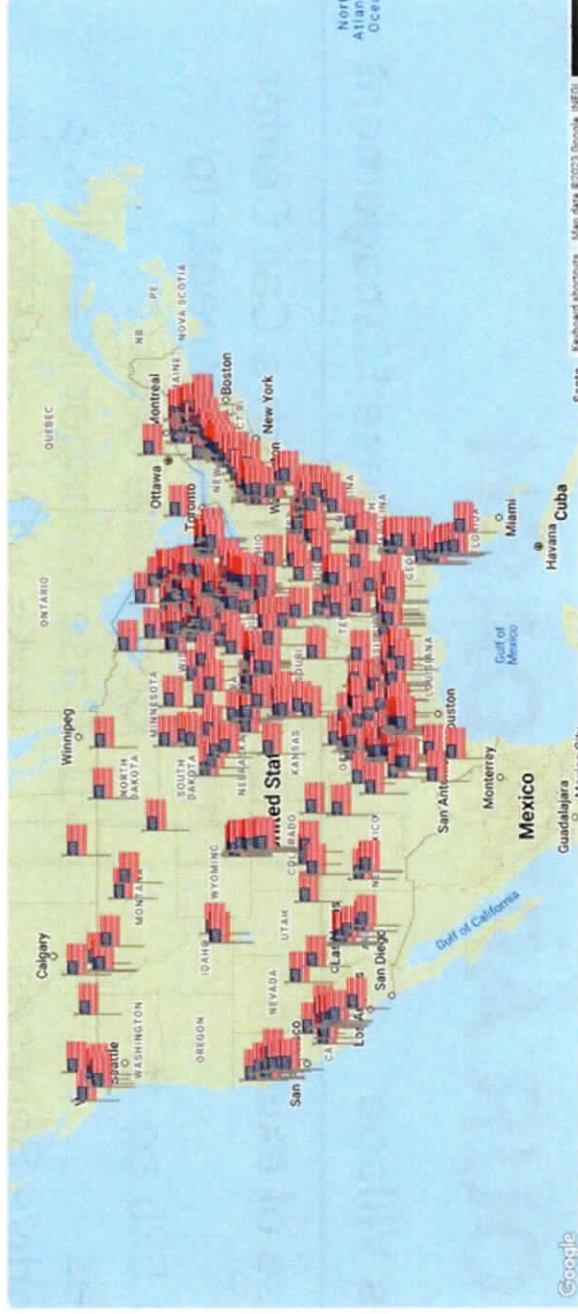
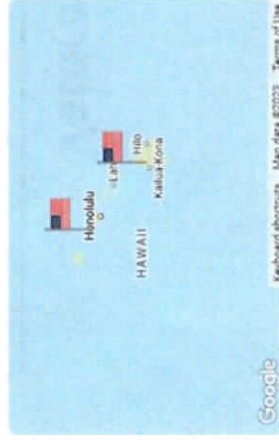
National Case Management Network

Dashboard

Total Providers
892

Total Services
44

Number of States
47

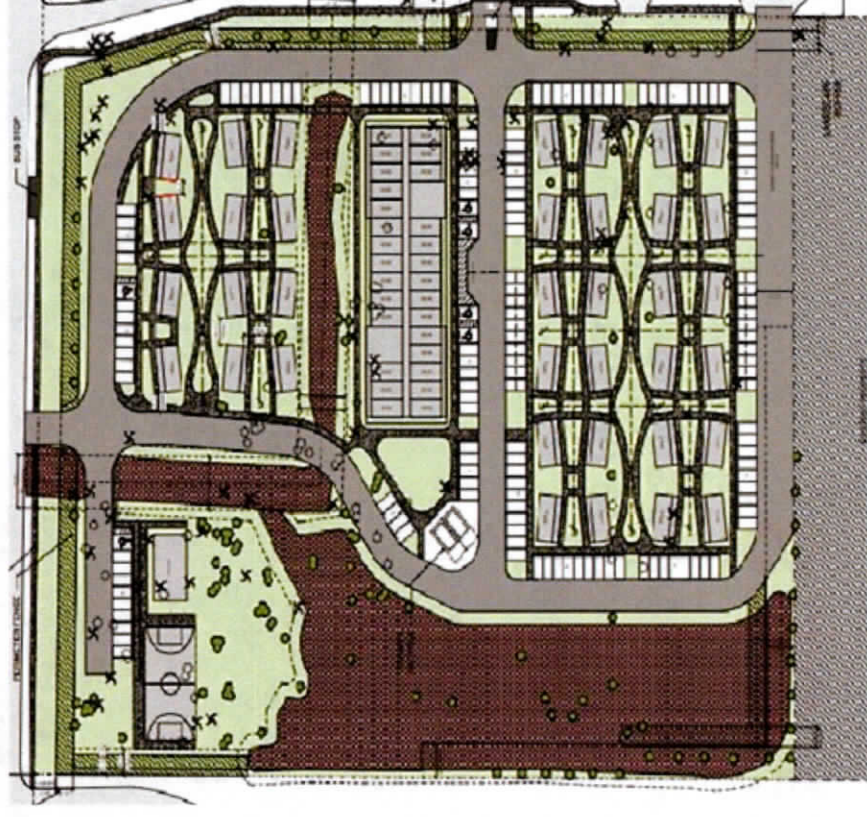


BRADENTON SITE PLAN

4410 66th Street

"Veterans Village" Includes:

- An 84-unit apartment building
- 24/7 supportive services provided on first floor of building
- A community of 34 Comfort Homes
- Amenities center, recreation areas, and on-site parking
- An incredible aesthetic tying in the natural features of the land



RESIDENCES

Permanent residences for our veterans are designed and furnished with the highest quality materials to meet individual's unique needs and provide them with dignity and comfort.



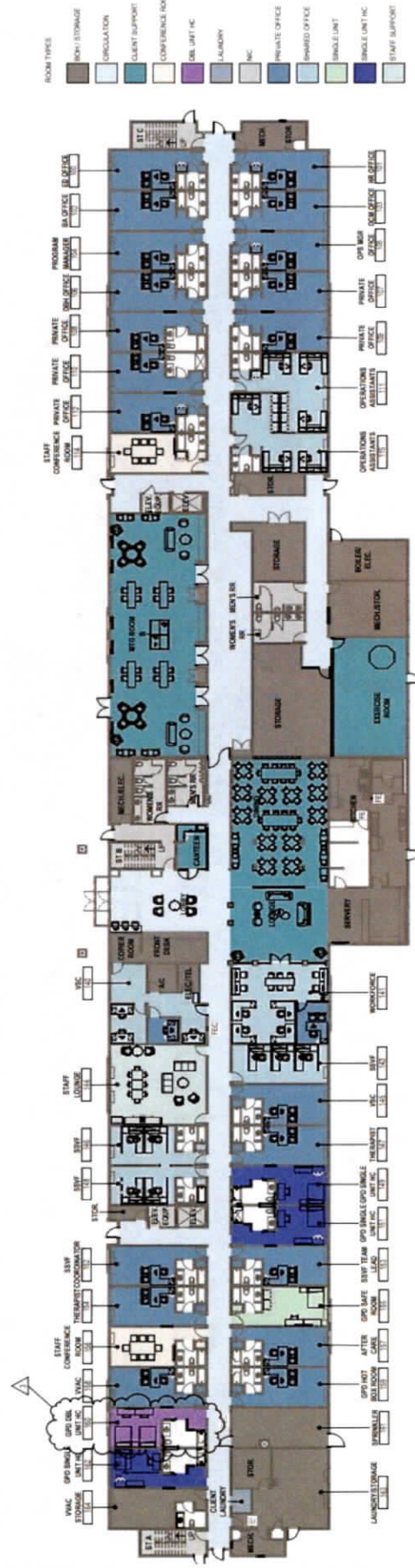
COMFORT HOMES

These Comfort Homes will
provide independence and
give our older veterans a
place of their very own as
they live out their golden
years in dignity,
surrounded by support
and comfort



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

The first floor of our complex will encompass 24/7 staff that will provide supportive services including: Outreach, Case Management, Employment Assistance, Job Training, Benefits Assistance, Education Assistance, Financial/Budget Management, Legal Advocacy, Life Skills Training, Medical Care Access & Navigation, Mental Health Support & Counseling, Addiction Treatment, Psychoeducation Classes, Recovery Support Groups, Peer Support, Basic Needs Support, Transportation Support/Resources, Meal Support/Resources, & Social/Recreational/Cultural Activities.





SUPPORTIVE SERVICE SPACE

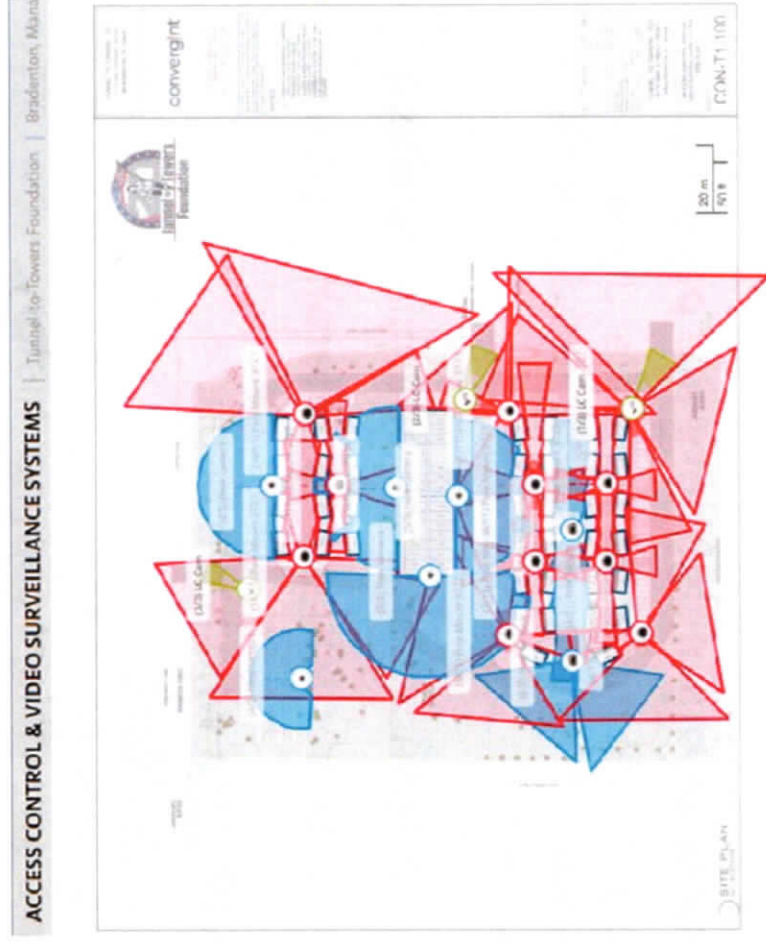
Our recreation spaces allow veterans to interact with each other and staff, which is proven to reduce the effects of service-related trauma.



SECURITY PLAN

State-of-the-Art Security Plan
includes Best Practices and:

- CCTV surveillance capturing the entire village;
- Perimeter fencing;
- Controlled entrance and exit from the site; and
- Blue-light “safety zones” and license plate scanners.



Tunnel to Towers places paramount importance on the safety and security of both the surrounding community and our veterans.

UPHOLDING QUALITY OF LIFE

The quality of life, safety, and security of our neighbors are paramount.

Tunnel to Towers will implement strategies that minimize potential disruptions to neighbors' quality of life, local businesses, traffic and nearby residents' daily routines.

We conduct comprehensive background checks on each potential resident.

Each Veterans Village is a sober-living facility with a **zero tolerance** policy.

We **DO NOT** accept veterans who have been:

- dishonorably discharged
- registered as a sex offender
- found to have any violent criminal history.

Tunnel to Towers will maintain the property in line with community standards in perpetuity.

COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

Tunnel to Towers understands concerns that may come from neighboring communities or residents who are unfamiliar with our product and operations.

We are committed to maintaining & enhancing Bradenton's quality of life.

Nationwide, our projects invigorate surrounding areas and uplift communities. We have a solid track record as a nimble national non-profit foundation that is receptive to community considerations.

CASE STUDY: Pasco County, FL (Land o' Lakes)

We initiated constructive dialogue with residents & community stakeholders to address project concerns and remedy them, incorporating their input into our plans. Today, *Let Us Do Good Village* is a growing community that houses catastrophically injured veterans, Gold Star & Fallen First Responder families.

COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation will:

- Offer clear, accessible, and jargon free informational updates to neighbors about the project's scope, timeline and design.
- Maintain transparent and regular communications with community members through traditional, electronic and other online platforms.
- Regularly attend neighborhood, civic and community meetings
- Partner with elected officials and local stakeholders
- Engage residents through regular tours of housing facilities throughout construction
- Respond immediately to any candid feedback from the community throughout construction and operation

WORDS FROM OUR HEROES

“We have gone from couch hopping, sleeping in the truck, and living in hotels to being comfortable and happy in our own homes! It's so amazing!”

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“Thanks again for everything you have done for my family. We were helpless, defeated, and felt we had no voice. You guys heard us, made us feel worthy of help, and helped us achieve a goal we didn't think was going to be possible. Nothing hurt worse than feeling like I failed my family. The first time I called your company the lady who answered was so kind. I had been talked down to by every place I called. I didn't expect kindness. I didn't expect anyone to listen or help”

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No American veteran who wants to be housed should have to wonder where they will live.

WORDS FROM OUR HEROES

"You heard me when I felt like I had no voice.
You saw us and cared when everyone saw us as a burden.
We are forever grateful to you. Thanks so much!"

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"I was living in hotels or camping with 3 dogs that are my only source of emotional support. My dogs now have a huge yard where they can run around. I would still be living in my car if it weren't for Tunnels to Towers. I cannot thank Tunnels to Towers enough. I am so grateful for the assistance they provide!"

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Our Veterans Deserve to Live in Dignity

OUR PLEDGE

In the extremely rare case of an eviction scenario, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation will provide a veteran with a “warm hand off” to another housing or supportive services provider to achieve better stabilization outcomes.

While a resident may, in the worst case scenario, be removed from Tunnel to Towers housing, we ensure that:

No American veteran is ever sent back to the streets.

PROGRAM OVERALL GOAL:
Permanent Housing Retention and Poverty Reduction.

WHY US VETS?

OVER
20,000
VETERANS SUPPORTED
EACH YEAR

57,782
SUPPORTIVE COUNSELING
SESSIONS

BED NIGHTS AT U.S. VETS
LOCATIONS
393,093



EMPLOYMENT PARTNERS
888



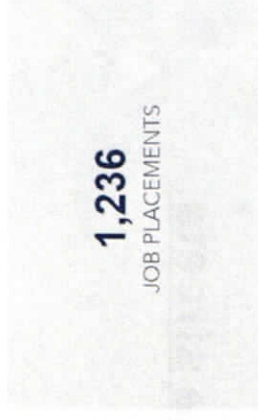
3,061
PERMANENT HOUSING
PLACEMENTS



440,141
MEALS SERVED AT U.S. VETS
MESS HALLS



1,236
JOB PLACEMENTS



SERVICES LED BY US VETS

In FY'22, U.S.VETS provided **697 permanent housing units** to veterans across the nation in need and **94% of those veterans retained their permanent housing status**.

As supportive service vendors on our Bradenton program, U.S.VETS will implement a consistent level of therapeutic care to veterans, **complemented by other organizations in the veteran space, with Tunnel to Towers providing thorough oversight and direction.**

Code of conduct violations are managed through assertive engagement protocols utilizing a variety of methods (e.g., in person visits, crisis intervention, guardianship, etc.) and ways of actively and consistently engaging new clients and maintaining consistent engagement with clients who are current enrolled, but have disengaged.

Every attempt is made to provide a consistent, compassionate, individualized relationship to support the veteran's quality standard of living.

CONCLUSION

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation has a proven and successful record of providing innovative housing solutions and support for our nation's heroes and their families.

Every veteran has sworn an oath to protect and defend the United States of America.

No one that has honorably volunteered to fight for this nation should ever have to worry about where they will live when their service ends.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation Bradenton Veterans Village will set a standard nationally for outcomes and public-private collaboration.

TUNNEL TO TOWERS OVERVIEW

On September 11, 2001, firefighter, Stephen Siller, had just finished his shift and was on his way to play golf with his brothers when he got word over his scanner of a plane hitting the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Upon hearing the news, Stephen called his wife Sally and asked her to tell his brothers he would catch up with them later. He returned to Squad 1 to get his gear.

Stephen drove his truck to the entrance of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, but it had already been closed for security purposes. Determined to carry out his duty, he strapped 60 lbs. of gear to his back, and raced on foot through the tunnel to the Twin Towers, where he gave up his life while saving others.

In **Stephen Siller's memory**, our Foundation was started in 2001 to follow in his footsteps and “do good” by making a positive and lasting impact in the lives of others.

Today the foundation focuses our efforts on innovative housing solutions for our nation's heroes.