



SALUTE TO SERVICE

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HVAF receives Bob Woodruff Foundation Grant

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Indianapolis, IN – HVAF has received an NFL-Bob Woodruff Foundation (BWF) partnership grant for the organization’s employment services.

The NFL has partnered with BWF to expand their Salute to Service initiative in support of those who have served in the military and their families. BWF leverages its expertise and collaborative network to find, fund, and shape innovative programs that help our impacted veterans, service members, their family members thrive.

The goal of this grant is to identify, facilitate, and secure long-term sustainable employment with a living wage for post-9/11 veterans.

HVAF has a team comprised of four full-time employment specialists who help veterans overcome barriers to find steady employment. They help the veterans with their resumes, hold mock interviews, host job fairs, and connect them to employers so they can obtain meaningful employment.

This grant will help the employment team with training and education opportunities, work-appropriate attire, transportation, supplies, equipment, and more.

Emmy Hildebrand, HVAF’s VP for Strategy, worked closely with BWF this year.

“HVAF is honored to have been recommended for this opportunity by the Indianapolis Colts; and we are deeply grateful to have been awarded funding by the Bob Woodruff Foundation.,” Emmy said. “We are looking forward to providing more robust employment services and training opportunities for our newest generation of veterans.”

Being able to support themselves and their families through a meaningful career provides our veterans with a renewed mission after service,” said Anne Marie Dougherty, CEO of the Bob Woodruff. “We are proud to support HVAF of Indiana’s effort to expand their employment programming, empowering post-9/11 veterans and members of the National Guard to establish careers and thrive in the Indianapolis community.”

Bob Woodruff Foundation: The Bob Woodruff Foundation (BWF) was founded in 2006 after reporter Bob Woodruff was hit by a roadside bomb while covering the war in Iraq. Since then, the Bob Woodruff Foundation has led an enduring call to action for people to stand up for heroes and meet the emerging and long-term needs of today’s veterans. To date, BWF has invested nearly \$70

million to Find, Fund and Shape™ programs that have empowered impacted veterans, service members and their family members, across the nation. For more information, please visit bobwoodrufffoundation.org or follow us on Twitter at @Stand4Heroes.

About HVAF: HVAF of Indiana (HVAF) helps homeless veterans return to self-sufficiency and engages at-risk veterans and their families to prevent them from becoming homeless by providing supportive housing, case management, food, hygiene, and clothing; as well as other essential services.

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