



HVAF Board Director appointed NCHV Board Chair

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Indianapolis, IN – HVAF of Indiana, Inc. former Board Chairman—and current Board Director Emeritus— Steve Benz is National Coalition of Homeless Veterans’ new Board Chair.

Mr. Benz is an Air Force veteran, who served as a captain from 1985 to 1991. He worked as an attorney at Eli Lilly and Company for 18 years, leading nearly all of the company’s global litigation matters. For more than 15 years, Mr. Benz has actively participated on HVAF’s Board of Directors, and for six of those years he served as Board Chair.

During Mr. Benz’s time on the HVAF board, his major initiatives have included helping with the move of HVAF’s headquarters to 964 North Pennsylvania Street in 2007, the development of the Don W. Moreau, Sr. Apartments in 2008, and the acquisition of the Manchester Apartments on Pennsylvania Street in 2011.

“I am blessed as the Board Chair of NCHV to work with an organization of people that is at the forefront of creating, protecting, and educating about the programs that help veterans and their service providers all across the country,” Mr. Benz said. “I have the opportunity to interact with—and learn from— dedicated service providers across the country and see the creative solutions that they are coming up with to end veteran homelessness. Although HVAF is a national leader in this fight, great ideas that can make us even better can come from anywhere. I am getting the chance to see them and bring them back home to Indiana. With the NCHV team, I also have to stay on top of what is happening at the federal level, which can help us at HVAF.”

Current HVAF Board Chairman, Charles Rainey, said he is proud of the good work Mr. Benz has done, and will continue to do, for homeless veterans.

“Steve was Board Chairman during a time of incredible development of infrastructure at HVAF, in terms of programs and facilities, and that has been key to our success in helping our veteran clients,” Mr. Rainey said. “The fact that he continues to be devoted to homeless veterans issues is not surprising and his service at the national level will prove to be a game changer for this vulnerable population.”

About NCHV: The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) – a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization governed by a 23-member board of directors – is the resource and technical assistance center for a national network of community-based service providers and local, state and federal agencies that provide emergency and supportive housing, food, health services, job training and placement assistance, legal aid and case management support for hundreds of thousands of homeless veterans each year.

About HVAF: Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation (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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