



**Media Contact:**  
Lauren Carpenter | HVAF of Indiana  
Advancement Coordinator  
Phone: 317-951-0688  
Email address: LCarpenter@hvaf.org

## HVAF embarks on new programs and opportunities for veterans!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Veterans move into HVAF's first PERMANENT supportive housing units



After hearing Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett's call for more permanent supportive housing for homeless veterans, HVAF took action.

After repurposing eight of HVAF's housing properties, The Indianapolis Housing Agency awarded the organization with vouchers in order to make the properties permanent homes for veterans and their families.

Last week, the first veteran moved into one of HVAF's permanent housing units: Valerie Morris - along with her daughter and two grandkids. In addition to a permanent home, Valerie and her family will still receive case management and rental assistance from HVAF.

"I'm happy ... we've been homeless for about four months," Valerie said. "I'm so thankful and blessed."

---

### HVAF receives Low-Income Tax Credit to build new property

Indiana Housing & Community Development's (IHCDA) Board of Directors approved a reservation of credits for 18 developments last week, including one HVAF proposed for its veterans. HVAF's new development, 61-unit Proctor Place, will house 15 veterans as well as provide full-time case management for them. Woda Cooper Companies will serve as the developer, contractor, and property manager.

HVAF's President & CEO Brian Copes and VP for Strategy Emmy Hildebrand partner closely with Woda Cooper in order to ensure this new property for HVAF's veterans.

"Helping Veterans and Families (HVAF) is proud and privileged to partner with Woda Cooper Companies in expanding veteran-friendly affordable and supporting housing options in Indianapolis," Copes said. "Proctor Place is named in honor of Sergeant Joey Proctor, a member of the Indiana Army National Guard who was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry after being killed in action in 2006 during a deployment to Iraq. Joey Proctor's sacrifice reminds us of the legacy embodied in every veteran."

Proctor Place is scheduled to break ground in 2020.

---

# HVAF adds new case manager for permanent supportive houses

HVAF is now able to hire a full-time case manager for the new permanent supportive housing units - thanks to United Way's Basic Needs Fund.

The Basic Needs Fund is one of three new United Way of Central Indiana impact initiatives announced earlier this year that address poverty in our region by partnering with community-based organizations who align with the goals and metrics of the fund. The Basic Needs Fund specifically targets outcomes in housing, food, health, and transportation.

"We know that supportive services is the key for our veterans to sustain their housing," Emmy Hildebrand, HVAF's VP for Strategy, said. "We are grateful to United Way of Central Indiana for awarding HVAF a grant that ensures case management services will be available to all veterans living in our 47 permanent housing units."



---

## 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.**

