VA works with local partners to support homeless Veterans

Aleda E. Lutz VAMC encourages all Mid-Michigan residents to learn about resources available to help Veterans in their community

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) reminds all Mid-Michigan residents the Aleda E. Lutz VAMC team stands ready to help all homeless Veterans in the community find immediate housing and get connected to supportive services.

“VA remains committed to ending Veteran homelessness across the country. Our contribution to this important national effort is focused specifically on Mid-Central, Eastern, and Western lower peninsula of Michigan, said Ginny Creasman, Medical Center Director. “Working together with community partners, we can ensure every Veteran in our care area has a safe place to sleep.”

Our VA partners dedicated to the effort include: Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency, Blue Water Center for Independent Living, Northern Michigan Community Action Agency, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, and the Saginaw Housing Commission. Together, they work to locate Veterans who are literally homeless and those Veterans who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. The VA partners who hold the Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF) grant are, in most cases, able to rapidly rehouse those Veterans who are literally homeless while also assisting those who are at-risk of becoming homeless to save the place they call home. The Aleda E. Lutz VA also partners with four local emergency shelters spread out within the Saginaw, Bay City, and Traverse City areas. Veterans who are residing in a place not meant for human habitation can be temporarily housed in an emergency shelter while working with VA staff to re-establish safe and affordable housing.

For assistance, or to learn how you can support Veterans in your area who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, please contact Eric Norman, Supervisory Social Worker, 989-497-2500, Ext. 11773, eric.norman@va.gov.

Homeless and at-risk Veterans can also call 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) to access VA homeless services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

To learn more about VA programs and services designed specifically to help these Veterans, visit www.va.gov/homeless. An infographic on VA’s work to end Veteran homelessness can be found here.
The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center, with an additional 8-bed acute medicine and telemetry wing. It provides care to over 35,400 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at www.saginaw.va.gov.

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