

500 Homes for the Holidays



Working together to house 500 chronic and vulnerable homeless people in New Orleans and Jefferson Parish by December 31, 2013

November 19, 2013

424 housed since May 1, 2013

76 left to house by December 31, 2013

They Fought for Our Homes, Now the VA is Fighting for Theirs

James Tardie, a member of the 500 Homes for the Holidays Campaign Leadership Team, and his colleagues at the Veterans Administration are obsessed with housing. So far in this campaign, *the VA has housed 101 chronically homeless Veterans in permanent housing.* The VA provides services ranging from health care, to street outreach, to permanent housing with VASH vouchers. They have also partnered with Volunteers of America, START Corp., and Center of Hope to offer Supportive Services for Veteran Families which provides housing and services for people with lower needs or while VASH approval is pending. The VA and their partners are a critical part of the 500 Homes for the Holidays Campaign – and a life-saving agency for homeless Veterans.

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Cheers to all the agencies who have reported permanent housing placements since November 1, 2013!

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The 500 Homes for the Holidays Campaign is permanently housing chronically homeless and vulnerable homeless persons. Someone who is **chronically homeless** has a physical and/or mental disability and has been living on the streets, abandoned buildings or in emergency shelter for at least a year, or has had at least four episodes of such homelessness over the past three years. **Vulnerable homeless** people score at least 1 point on the Vulnerability Index. Questions? Contact Kathleen North at knorth@unitygno.org.



Continuum of Care agencies partnered with the City of New Orleans to provide housing assistance to residents of the Calliope St. camp. Here, Pam Callahan completes a Vulnerability Index (VI) with a client. VIs are used to assess an individual's medical vulnerability and prioritize them for housing.

Reporting has gotten even easier! Just visit www.unitygno.org, click on "Contact" and follow the Permanent Housing Placement Report link!

This newsletter is published weekly and we want to include your story! Please continue to report your housing placements so we can feature them. Reports should be sent to success@unitygno.org or (504) 821-4496 x115.

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