

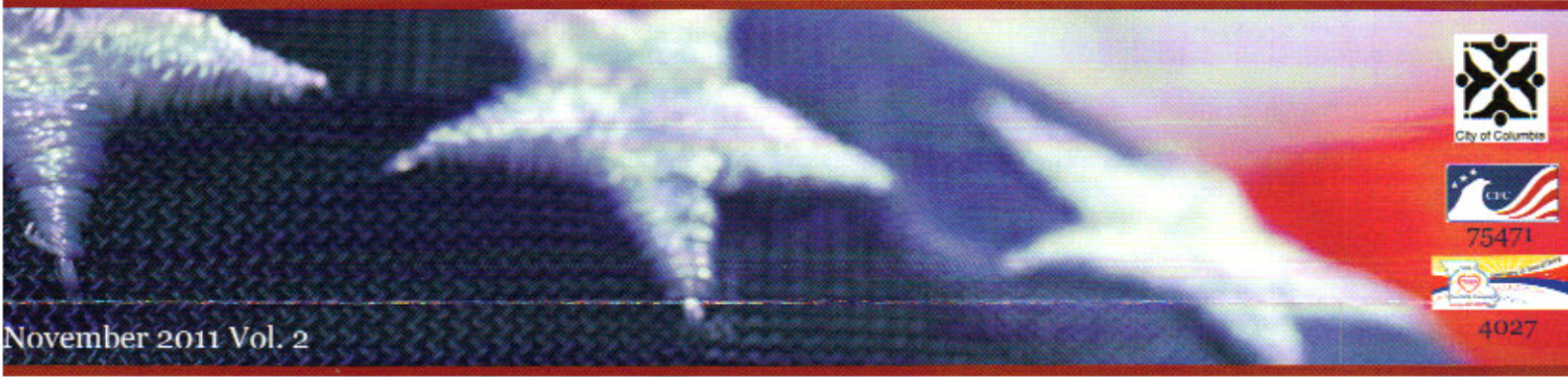


Welcome Home, Inc.

Serving Homeless Veterans

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Veterans Day November 11, 2011

- ★ Welcome Home, Inc. would like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of those who have served our country.
- ★ Just as we didn't leave our wounded on the battlefield, we shouldn't leave them on the streets. We must not, we shall not, forget those who served. As most of us enjoy a cozy holiday season surrounded by family, friends, and bountiful blessings, please take a moment to honor our less fortunate homeless heroes. Contact our office to find out how you can make a difference.

We would also like to thank all of our friends and volunteers who have assisted in our endeavors to help Homeless Veterans. Our efforts would not be nearly as effective without the generosity of many community individuals and organizations who offer their donations and time. Thank you for honoring our Homeless Heroes.

As part of our fundraising efforts this year, we have made arrangements with several caring Columbia eateries that will be doing profit sharing events around Veterans Day...Bon Appetite!

Shakespeare's Pizza has agreed to share 15%! Please take this coupon with you to the Downtown Shakespeare's location on Sunday, November 13 to enjoy some great pizza and help Homeless Veterans at the same time!

Red Mango All Natural Frozen Yogurt, 1009 E. Broadway, will be giving 20% of proceeds between 7pm and 10 pm on Veterans Day! Patrons must pay in cash and mention us to the cashier. You can also visit <http://www.facebook.com/redmango>, 'like' their page, and comment something like "Welcome Home Loves Red Mango"! For every 20 'likes' on Facebook Red Mango receives, Welcome Home will earn another 1%!

Noodles & Company, 406 S. Ninth St., will also be sharing 20% of proceeds from 4-9pm on Veterans Day! Don't forget to mention Welcome Home!

One more GREAT event!! **Alpha Kappa Psi** is hosting a 5K Walk/Run to benefit Welcome Home, Inc. on Sunday, November 13th, 9am at the VA Hospital parking lot. Online registration is \$15 by Nov. 6 and includes an event t-shirt, or you can register on site the day of for \$10. Please contact our office for the PayPal link if you are interested in registering online!

Welcome Home, Inc.

At

**Shakespeare's
Pizza**

□ Downtown □

Sunday November 13, 2011
{ All Day }

Friends of the Welcome Home, Inc. will make purchases at Shakespeare's Pizza then 15% of all those sales will be donated to Welcome Home, Inc.

- Bring this flyer with you when you visit, or have it for the delivery driver. All day, anytime.
- We'll staple a receipt to the flyer, and add them all up at the end of the night. 15% will go back to the Welcome Home, Inc.!
- Everything on the menu counts: any pizza, salad, gift card, or drink.
- Take home some frozen pizzas for later. The more you buy, the more Welcome Home, Inc. makes!

Dine-In* Curb Service* To Go* Delivery
Call Ahead!
(573) 447-1202 (West)
(573) 449-2454 (Downtown)

3304 Broadway Business Park Court, Columbia, MO 65203
225 South Ninth Street, Columbia, MO 65201

This offer CANNOT be combined with ANY other discounts. We kindly request that these flyers be handed out at least 623 feet from our Front Door.

For more small events, send to:

What's New

We are excited to announce that Welcome Home, Inc. was awarded the full amount of our **VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program** request! With this program we will be able to provide assistance to qualified Veterans in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing in our area. Welcome Home, Inc. was one of 5 agencies funded for the VA SSVF Program out of about 800 applications.

As part of the **Benjamin Moore Paints Color Care Across America** shelter makeover program, one shelter in each of the 50 states plus 1 in D.C. will undergo a color redesign this fall. Welcome Home, Inc. was chosen as the Missouri shelter! Volunteer contractors will be here painting on Veterans Day! Check out our new and improved website for before and after photos!

Over the summer our facility consistently housed 14 to 15 residents, an all time high for us. Right now we are back down to 11, but with the cold weather coming we anticipate more Veterans looking for shelter. One huge need that we have right now is appropriate, affordable, permanent housing. If you or anyone you know owns rental property, preferably 1-2 bedrooms on the bus line, with rents about \$350 or \$500 including utilities, please let us know! For more information about Welcome Home, Inc., our programs and current needs and events, please visit our new and improved website, WelcomeHomelessVeterans.org!

What Can I do?

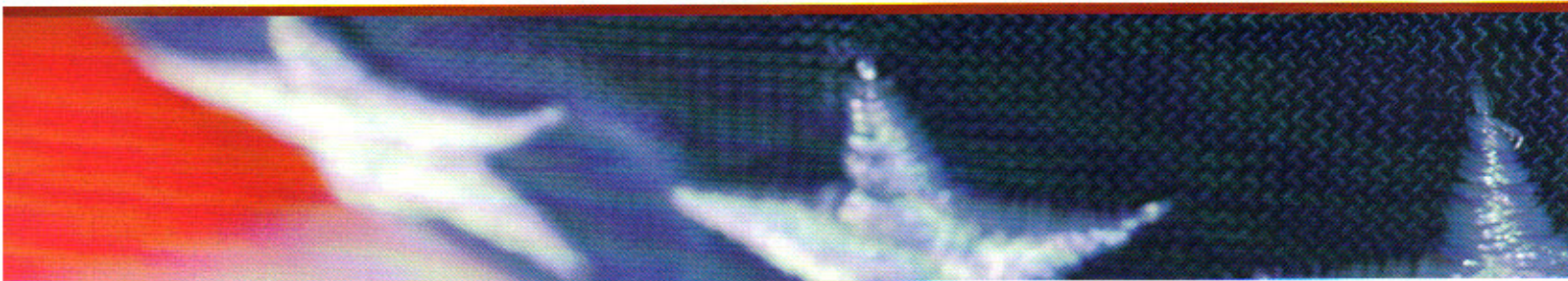
We always need volunteers and board members, and donations such as clothing and household goods. However, the holiday season presents another set of needs. A lot of our Veterans do not have any other family besides the one here at Welcome Home, and some have arrived with what few possessions they could carry. These factors among others make the holiday season an especially difficult one for many current and former residents. The Board of Directors and Staff at Welcome Home are committed to providing as much cheer during this difficult time as possible, but we need your help! Please consider donating to one of our 2011 holiday activities:

Dirty Santa Gift Exchange: We are trying to collect 20 to 30 wrapped \$20 gifts to do two or three rounds of a Dirty Santa Exchange (the first person chooses a gift, and the second and subsequent players can either choose an unopened gift or 'steal' an opened gift from another person) at our house Christmas party.

Adopt a Veteran Program: Our objective is to match all of our residents and participating past residents with individuals or groups who wish to sponsor them for Christmas. If you choose to Adopt a Veteran for Christmas, we will provide you with a list of needs and wants for an individual Veteran, and your group can pick a few gifts to provide. On average a \$50 donation will sponsor a Veteran for Christmas.

Wrapped packages and/or gift cards for either of these activities can be dropped off at Welcome Home, Inc. by Tuesday, December 20. If you would like to be a part of making this holiday season a good one for our Homeless Veterans, please contact our office for more information.

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