

THE VALOR VOICE

★ Stand Up for Those Who Served ★



STAND*DOWN®

AN INITIATIVE OF FAITH HOPE LOVE CHARITY, INC.

OUR MISSION

Reintegrating displaced and at-risk veterans and their families back into the communities to sustain independent living, restoring their dignity and promoting community awareness.

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The Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea is grateful for the work of Stand Down House. Through your tireless efforts, through dedicated volunteers and staff, you do so much to assist veterans with essential elements of life, and we are proud supporters of your work in this community. We value our longstanding relationship with Stand Down House and Faith Hope Love Charity and look forward to many years of partnership in the years to come.

Founded with four members in 1889 on the lakefront in what was then called Lake Worth, Bethesda-by-the-Sea was established in response to a call for an Episcopal church in a remote corner of Florida and was the first Protestant house of worship in south Florida. Now in its third building and in the middle of the Island of Palm Beach, Bethesda is proud of its work to serve those in need around the corner and around

the world. Funded by proceeds of sales from The Church Mouse, located at 378 South County Road, the Church funds outreach efforts in the areas of education, hunger, and shelter. ■



Watch a message from The Rev. James Harlan and The Rev. Burl Salmon:

<https://youtu.be/Ua4v0c-6efM>

Look at what Stand Down continues to do for our Veterans

DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC*:

*March 2020 - January 2020 - 11 months in Palm Beach County

\$2.1M

Housing and miscellaneous expenses

262

Individuals placed into permanent housing. (176 adults, 26 seniors and 60 children)

185

Individuals placed into temporary housing. (hotel/motel) due to COVID-19

47

Individuals still remaining in emergency housing (hotel/motel) due to COVID-19



BLESSING OUR VETERANS

Joanna and Richard Salisbury



Joanna and Richard Salisbury have been 'giving from the heart' to Stand Down for many years now. When asked why they do what they do, Joanna replied that first and most importantly they know this is what God calls us to do for those in need.

Also, Joanna's father and several of her family, including her husband Richard, were all in the military, so this is their way of giving back.

Joanna and Richard found out about Stand Down when Richard was seeking treatment at the VA Hospital and Joanna came upon a Stand Down volunteer there named Lamar, who was passing out information that day. She asked some questions and then later had an opportunity to visit our Administrative Office where she met Dr. Crockett. After discussing ways in which she and Richard could help, they partnered with their church group to do a few projects on our behalf.

They painted one of our transitional housing units, held a few food drives and collected clothing and some furniture donations. For the past two years, she and Richard have been instrumental in assisting us during our Gift Card Raffle to raise needed funds for our Stand Down House. Recently, Joanna, once again, started another food drive to help our Palm Beach County homeless veterans and those, who because of COVID, currently live in one of three hotels.

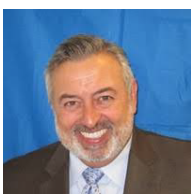
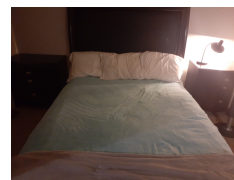
Joanna and Richard are committed to do whatever they can, when they can, to help those veterans under our care. They are grateful for the opportunity to serve and WE are most grateful that they are part of our Stand Down Family. ■

Ask And You Shall Receive

Each time a veteran gets placed in stable and permanent housing, it's always a joyous moment—not only for the veteran and their families, but also for the people involved with the process. Once the veteran/family has been housed, there are more things to be considered. In many cases, they may be in need of food, clothing, furniture, or maybe just general household products, but indeed, more than just the roof. As Covid entered our society, many community services were on hold, became depleted or simply had to close their doors.

As we are still in the midst of the pandemic, there is yet another light that seeps through the tunnel. Just when it seems we are getting close to running out of those outside resources or those able to assist us with helping the veterans we serve, support, and house, an awesome resource opens up to us. This agency is known for helping families with children but decided that our population of veterans—whether they have children or not—are appropriate for the help they offer.

We recently housed a veteran and his spouse, but they were without furniture for almost a month. This was somewhat of a weight as we were hopeful of something coming through for them. Low and behold, we were able to reach out to an agency and all that was initially requested was the bed/bedding. The agency went above and beyond. They were so excited to help as one of their staff members was also a veteran, which brought about a couple of great things. The agency provided more than the bedding; they provided every piece of furniture that the family was without. And although they usually do not deliver the furniture, the veteran employed with the agency wanted to drive and deliver the furniture in person. This is just another great moment that we get to share in and see how Veterans are still eager and available to help one another, when they are in need. Thank you all for all you do to support our Veterans! ■



Greg Torretta, Chairman, Board of Directors

Reaching out to acknowledge the support we receive from our patrons, donors, and friends is the best part of my job. Your generosity and love make it possible for FHLC, Inc. to deliver on our mission to provide holistic support and care to our beloved Veterans and their families. From the generous funding of our corporate donors and local businesses to individuals doing what they can to our precious volunteers who give their time and skills; we are so very grateful.

Especially now, during this very challenging period in our Country when funding the critical needs of our Vets becomes more challenging. All of you have helped us to carry the day. Our recent 'Boots on the Ground' campaign has given us much of the short term funds required to meet the critical basic needs of day to day living for our Vets and their families.

THANK YOU. Each one of you makes a valuable contribution in supporting our Veteran community. God Bless You. ■

Make a difference in the life of a Veteran

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