

"The St. Joseph Basket not only gives a vet a new start on life, it gives him or her dignity and self-respect. I cannot tell you how wonderful it feels to have new, matching plates, glasses, silverware and all the other things most people take for granted in their daily life!" - Basket Recipient

Giving back to those who served.

Veteran Homelessness

Most Veterans appreciate being thanked for their service, but for homeless veterans "thank you" is not enough. Those who served our country are sleeping on the streets and under bridges- and a percentage are chronically homeless. Others have been devastated by returning home to a recession and lack of employment, and some have struggled with post-traumatic stress disorder and addictions fueled by memories of the horrors of war.

Project H3 VETS

The good news is there is something we can do to help. The Franciscan Renewal Center's Outreach to Veterans and Military Families ministry is assisting the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness- Project H3 VETS by supplying veterans with needed items on the day they are given the keys to their new home. It has been found that the "Housing First" model not only gives veteran a sense of dignity, but also gives them the resources to heal physically and spiritually.

Furthermore, it is cost effective for the State of Arizona to have a veteran living in his or her own home compared to living in a shelter.

How to get involved

What can you do? That's the easy part. You can donate money or NEW household items to help build a move-in basket. The cost is around \$140 to stock an entire apartment with items for the kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and laundry room by shopping at discount stores. Your contributions are tax deductible.



- Pot holders and oven mitt
- Kitchen towel/sponges
- Shower curtain
- Shower curtain rings
- Bathroom trash can
- Toilet brush and toilet bowl cleaner
- Broom
- Mop
- Bucket
- Place mats
- Pizza baking sheet
- Pizza cutter
- Can opener
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Spic-n-Span spray
- Laundry detergent
- Laundry basket
- Food strainer
- Measuring cup set
- Spatula set and utensils for non-stick cookware
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Liquid hand soap
- Dish soap
- Bar soap
- 4-pc plastic tumblers
- Dust pan
- Food storage containers
- Razors
- Set of non-stick pots and pans
- 12-pc dish set (set for 4)
- 4 coffee mugs
- Full sheets
- Silverware set for 4
- Bathroom towel set

Other items: hangers, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, food storage bags, garbage bags

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

-Matthew 5:7

Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the Homeless



St. Joseph, of the house and lineage of King David, was chosen to be the Patron Saint of the Homeless because God chose him to be the foster father and protector of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As God entrusted Joseph to protect the Holy Family during the flight from Bethlehem to Egypt, Christ commissions us to aid the homeless and poor.

Checks can be made payable to the Franciscan Renewal Center with St. Joseph Basket donation on the memo line. All donations of new household items, checks or cash are tax deductible.

For further information about the program or to make a contribution, please contact Rebecca Hawkins at rebeccahawkins@cox.net or (480) 946-9111.

Thank you for your support!



ST. JOSEPH'S BASKETS

for formerly homeless Veterans

A program to provide household goods to
chronically homeless Veterans being placed
in permanent housing



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