

# **Our Foundation**

On September 11, 2001, Stephen Siller, who was assigned to Brooklyn's Squad 1, had just finished his shift and was on his way to play golf with his brothers when he got word over his scanner of a plane hitting the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Upon hearing the news, Stephen called his wife Sally and asked her to tell his brothers he would catch up with them later. He returned to Squad 1 to get his gear.

Stephen drove his truck to the entrance of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, but it had already been closed for security purposes. Determined to carry out his duty, he strapped 60 lbs. of gear to his back, and raced on foot nearly 4 miles through the tunnel to the Twin Towers, where he gave up his life while saving others.

Stephen had everything to live for; a great wife, five wonderful children, a devoted extended family, and friends. Stephen's parents were lay Franciscans and he grew up under the guiding philosophy of St. Francis of Assisi, whose encouraging and inspirational phrase "while we have time, let us do good" were words that Stephen lived by. Stephen's life and heroic death serve as a reminder to us all to live life to the fullest and to spend our time here on earth doing good – this is his legacy.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation has constructed new homes and paid off the mortgages of over 1,000 catastrophically injured service members, Fallen First Responder families, and Gold Star families throughout the nation.

# **Our Mission**

Determined to further its good works, Tunnel to Towers has also committed to eradicating homelessness amongst our veterans <u>nationwide</u>.

With over 35,000 veterans experiencing chronic homelessness nationwide, we as a Foundation understand that this is no easy task.

Simply providing housing to homeless veterans is not enough to make a substantial difference in these individual's lives. In order to effectively rehabilitate and reintegrate our veterans back into society, we must also provide a platform where they have ready access to a wide range of needed services, geared towards diagnosing and solving root causes of veteran homelessness, and addressing their specific emotional, financial, and physical issues.

Our team has created a two-pronged model to address this tremendous problem...

# 1st Prong - Renovations/New Builds "Veterans Village"

The Foundation is currently purchasing land or distressed hotels in metro areas where the rates of veteran homelessness are highest.

We either construct modularly-manufactured apartment buildings or convert the hospitality properties into high-end, permanent, affordable residential housing units, alongside supportive service offices that provide the direct care to our veterans on site.

Where appropriate, we are constructing a community of Comfort Homes (500 square foot, completely furnished homes).

These Comfort Homes will be utilized by all veterans experiencing homelessness, including our older veterans, so they can also take advantage of the on-site supportive service model, and have a <u>permanent place to call home.</u>

These properties are near VA hospitals, accessible to multiple forms of public transportation, and commercial districts with access to shops, restaurants, grocery stores, banks, and employment opportunities.







# 2<sup>nd</sup> Prong - National Case Management Network

75% of Americans live outside of large metro areas. Our team provides for any and every veteran experiencing homelessness, no matter the location.

Our National Case Management Network includes a team of Tunnel to Towers intake specialists, case managers, housing coordinators, and employment coordinators who work together to house veterans and their families and provide access to our network of almost 1,000 supportive service providers.

Veterans and their families receive direct financial assistance to get them rapidly housed (often the same day we initiate contact) which allows them to be removed from a state of crisis. Once housed, our case managers work on a client-specific plan of sustainability which includes assistance in obtaining their HUD-VASH vouchers and VA benefits, employment opportunities, and access to drug or alcohol rehabilitation centers, mental health clinics and legal aid societies.

We offer assistance in the form of: first month's/second month's rent, security deposits, application fees, brokers fees, mortgage/rental arrears (to ensure veterans are not backsliding into homelessness), food allowances, transportation allowances, and utility payments.









# 2<sup>nd</sup> Prong - National Case Management Network

In 2023, the Homeless Veteran Program's National Case Management Network provided over 3,000 veterans with housing assistance and supportive services, in addition to almost 1,000 children. In 2024, we will provide housing assistance and supportive services to over 5,000 veterans, and over 2,000 children.

This number will grow exponentially in the years to come as we grow our team, strengthen our relationship with the VA on a federal level, and form strategic alliances with other organizations in the space.

Each Veterans Village will have a satellite office to further assist veterans and families not physically living at the site.



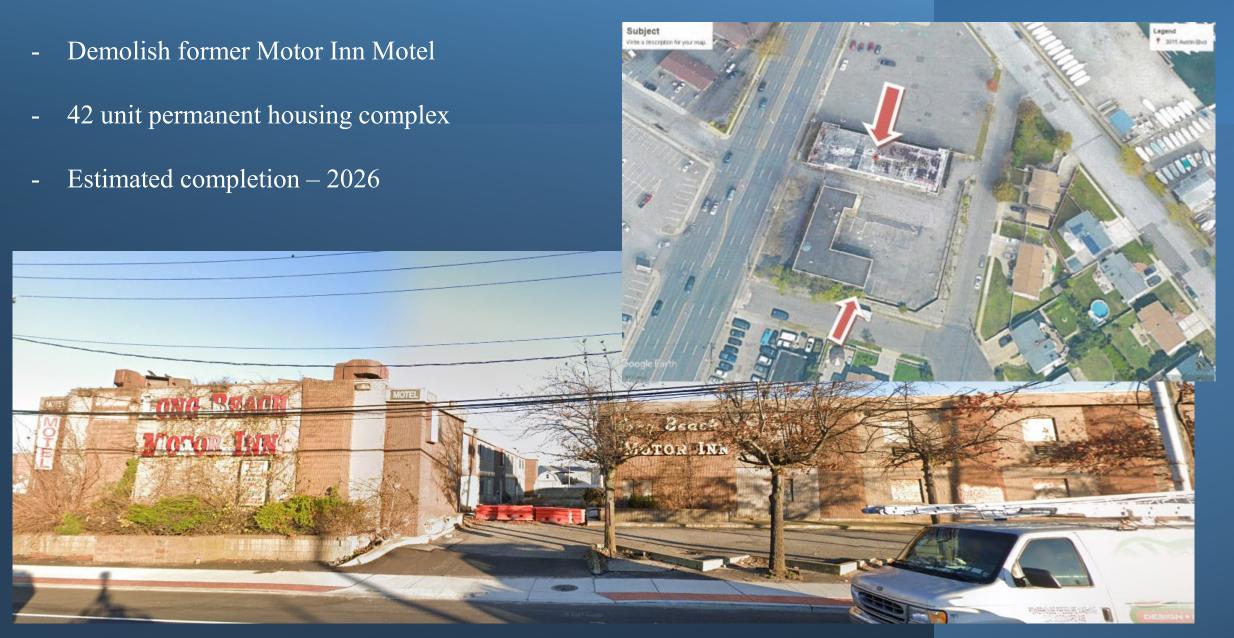






# VETERANS VILLAGE – LONG ISLAND

3915 Austin Blvd, Island Park, NY



# RESIDENCES

Permanent residences for our veterans are designed and furnished with high quality materials to meet individual's unique needs and provide them with dignity and comfort.





# SUPPORTIVE SERVICE SPACE

Our recreation spaces allow veterans to interact with each other and staff, which is proven to reduce the effects of service-related trauma.





## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation manages and operates each Veterans Village, utilizing service-providing organizations alongside our own growing team.

The first floor is staffed 24/7 to provide comprehensive supportive services including: Outreach, Case Management, Employment Assistance, Job Training, Benefits Assistance, Education Assistance, Financial/Budget Management, Legal Advocacy, Life Skills Training, Medical Care Access & Navigation, Mental Health Support & Counseling, Addiction Treatment, Psychoeducation Classes, Recovery Support Groups, Peer Support, Basic Needs Support, Transportation Support/Resources, Meal Support/Resources, & Social/Recreational/Cultural Activities.



# INTAKE, SCREENING, AND SAFETY

The safety of our residents and surrounding community is of paramount importance to us.

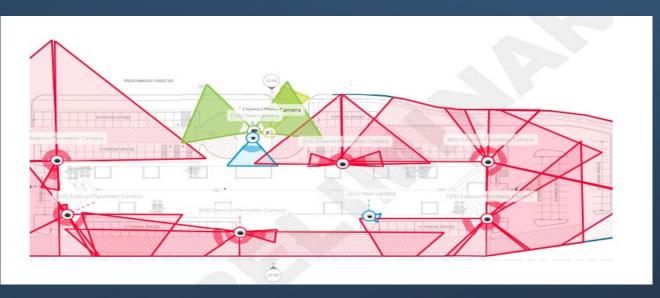
Any Veterans who are dishonorably discharged, have any record of sexual offenses or major violent crimes will be precluded from the site. To the extent possible, our National Case Management Network assists these individuals with referrals.

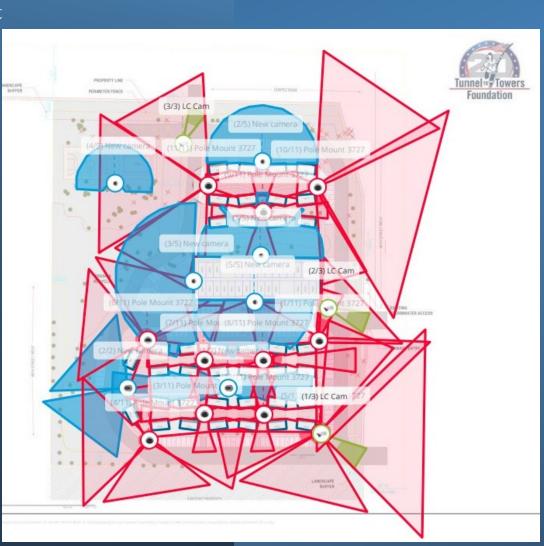
#### All of our Veterans Villages include:

-24/7 CCTV surveillance capturing the entire Village and 24/7 staff on-site;

-Perimeter fencing with controlled entrance and exit from the Village;

-Blue light "safety zones" and license plate scanners.





#### TUNNEL TO TOWERS PRESENCE IN NEW YORK

The Smart Home and Gold Star Programs have built homes/paid off mortgages for 91 veterans and first responders and their families in the state of New York. Further, through our Homeless Veteran Program, we have providing housing assistance and access to services to over 41 New York veterans last year.







FDNY Firefighter Thomas Oelkers NYPD Sgt Paul Tuozzolo NYPD EMT/FDNY Yadira Arroyo FDNY William Tolley NYPD Miosotis Familia FDNY Firefighter Michael Davidson FDNY George R. Scheer FDNY Brian Sullivan NYPD Sgt Jeremiah Hunt Detective Thomas Mitchell Firefighter Christopher Carney Inspector Justin Lenz Police Officer Dave Guevara Police Officer Martin Tom Supervisor Detective Sergeant Christopher Tully NYPD Sergeant Alex Baez FDNY Lieutenant Joseph Maiello Sayville Fire Department Lawrence "Larry" Sesso Detective 1st Grade Matthew Anthony Perlungher Detective 1st Grade Terence Mulvey Detective Jeffrey Allen Scalf NYPD Sergeant Stephen Patrick Scalza CBP Officer Mario DiChiara NYPD Detective Jason Rivera NYPD Joel Ray Davis New York State Police Sergeant Jeffrey Cicora NYPD Police Officer Brian Rutherford

NYPD Detective Eric Calleja

FDNY Captain Paul Schmalzried

#### **Recipients**

Tech Sgt Joe Wilkinson, USAF

Sgt Eddie Ryan, USMC SGT Rick Yarosh, ARMY Cpl Mark O'Brien, USMC LCpl Mark Beyers, USMC SPC Matthew Daniels, ARMY SGT Brendan Marrocco, ARMY SGT Bryan Dilberian, ARMY SSG Stephen Valyou, ARMY CPL Christopher Levi, ARMY Sgt Michael Sulsona, USMC SrA Kenneth Hernandez, USAF SPC Matthew Leyva, ARMY NYPD Detective First Class Terrence McGhee NYPD Detective Dalsh Veve FDNY Liutenant Gregory Hansen NYPD Detective Keith Prunty NYPD Detective Scot Abrams NYPD Detective Michael McCutchan NYPD Detective Thomas Mitchell U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant Christopher Raguso U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant Dashan Briggs Army Sgt. Mario Nelson US Army Sergeant Major Samuel S. Baidoos US Army Sergeant Jason Charles Denfrund US Army Sergeant & NYPD Detective Sammy Lee US Navy Lieutenant Andrew J. Brooks Technical Sergeant and NYPD Det. Joseph Lemm Air Force SSgt. Louis Bonacasa FDNY Firefighter John F. McNamara NYPD Detective Jason Rivera

NYSD Sergeant NYPD Police Officer Ivan Morales Larchmont Fire Department, Fire Chief Brian Payne NYPD Police Officer Francis Gaynor USMC (k4) Luis Gustavo Alvarez Firefighter Jason Arno Firefighter/Ex Chief Stephen A. Feron Firefighter Jason Arno NYPD Officer Wenjian Liu NYPD Detective Rafael Ramos Long Island Volunteer Fire Department Joseph Sanford, Jr NYPD Anstasios Tsakos Trooper Joseph Gallagher NYPD Sergeant William Brautigam NYPD Sergeant Nathalie Brill NYPD Sergeant Christopher Christodoulou NYPD Sergeant Peter Woods NYPD Detective Christopher Cranston NYPD Detective Luis G. Fernandez NYPD Police Officer Keith Ferrara FDNY Firefighter Daniel Foley Police Officer Raymond Patrick Fuscaldo Firefighter Charles L Jones III NYPD Detective Thomas Lyons Firefighter Paul A McManaman NYPD Lieutenant John Rowland NYPD Sergeant Michael Ryan FDNY Firefighter Martin C Simmons FDNY LT. Joseph R Stach Jr. Port Authority Police Steven Tursellino Police Officer Robert Zane

# TRANSPORTATION AND LOCATION

Tunnel to Towers will provide privately-funded daily transportation service for veterans at the site to and from the nearest Veterans Affairs Medical Hospital, as well as around a reasonable radius for veterans to get to job opportunities, banks, grocery stores, or other necessary appointments.

We also work with veterans to obtain driver's licenses and offer financial literacy classes to increase financial responsibility and allow veterans to lease cars, which also repairs their credit scores, which helps tremendously on the road to reintegration.





### **FUNDING**

Tunnel to Towers will invest nearly \$10 million dollars into Island Park to address this pervasive problem.

This project is currently fully-funded, and as the premier developers of housing solutions for veterans nationwide, we have a proven track record of constructing in record time and will move quickly from the day the property is approved.



Because the Tunnel to Towers
Foundation is not dependent on
any government funding or
subsidized program for
construction, maintenance, or
services, we are incredibly
nimble and responsive to the
needs of the project and our
veterans in real time. 14

# VETERANS VILLAGE –HOUSTON, TX

18818 Tomball Pkwy, Houston, TX

- 131 unit complex
- Opened November, 2023













# VETERANS VILLAGE –HOUSTON, TX PHASE II

18818 Tomball Pkwy, Houston, TX

- PHASE II
- Village of 14 Comfort Homes
- Opening EOY, 2024







# VETERANS VILLAGE – RIVERSIDE, CA

- 175 unit permanent housing complex on U.S.VETS March JPA Air Force Base grantors since 2022



# VETERANS VILLAGE – ATLANTA, GA

65 S Service Rd, Austell, GA

- Former hotel

- Converting into 90-unit permanent housing complex

- Opening EOY, 2024



# VETERANS VILLAGE – MEMPHIS, TN

7060 Riverdale Bend Rd, Memphis, TN

- Former hotel
- Converting into 105-unit permanent housing complex
- Opening Fall, 2025



## VETERANS VILLAGE – TAMPA, FL

4410 W 66th St, Bradenton, FL

- 9 Acre tract deeded to T2T by Manatee County
- 84 unit permanent housing complex
- Village of 38 Comfort Homes
- Estimated Completion Fall 2025







# VETERANS VILLAGE – BUFFALO, NY

3600 Harlem Rd, Cheektowaga, NY

- Former dilapitated nursing home on 2 acre tract.
- Knock-down and construct 94 unit permanent housing complex.
- 4 minutes from the Buffalo Veterans Affairs hopsital.
- Estimated Completion, EOY 2025



# VETERANS VILLAGE – TOMS, RIVER, NJ

Sloop Creek Rd, Bayville, NJ

- 7 acre tract of raw land.
- 10 minutes from the brand new Toms River Veterans Affairs hopsital.
- Estimated Completion, Q1 2026



# VETERANS VILLAGE – LAS VEGAS, NV

3470 E. Centennial Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV

- 5 Acre Tract sitting across the street from the largest VA medical hospital in Nevada
- 100 +/- unit permanent housing complex
- -Estimated completion EOY 2025





# VETERANS VILLAGE – HARRISBURG, PA

1109 S. Front St, Harrisburg, PA

- 8.5 Acre Tract sitting directly on the Susquehanna River
- 64 unit permanent housing complex
- Village of 20 Comfort Homes
- Estimated Completion, EOY 2025

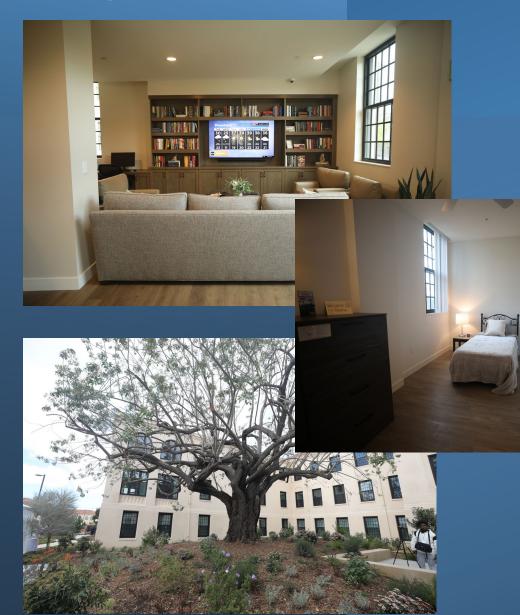


### WEST LOS ANGELES CAMPUS

11401 Vandergrift Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90049

- Grantors of West LA rebuild
- 388 acres in Brentwood, CA VA Campus
- 1,700 units completed by 2030
- Will provide permanent and transitional housing for 3,000 veterans

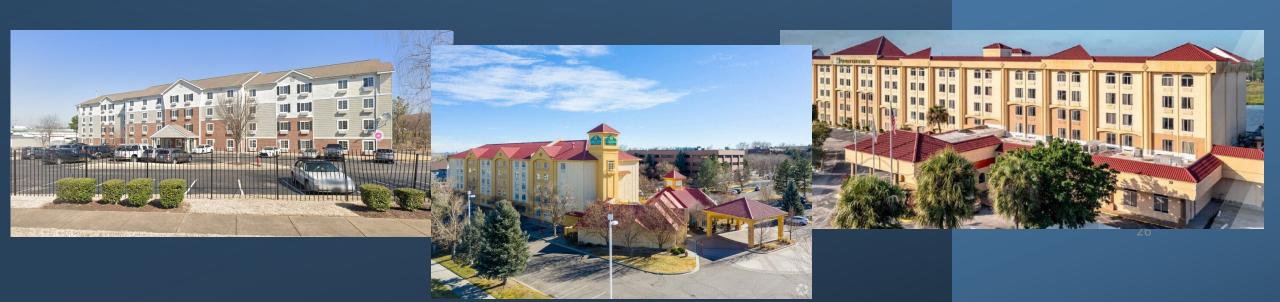




### OTHER VILLAGES COMING SOON

Memphis, TN
Portland, OR
San Franicsco, CA
Denver, CO
Mrytle Beach, SC
Orlando, FL
Tulsa, OK

Detroit, MI
Seattle, WA
San Diego, CA
Charlotte, NC
Dallas, TX
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Washington, D.C.



# TUNNEL TO TOWERS' COMMITMENT

Tunnel to Towers is committed to eradicating homelessness amongst veterans throughout the United States.

Through our Veterans Villages, National Case Management Network, Grants, and Partnerships, Tunnel to Towers is responsible for providing housing assistance and services to an excess of <a href="3,300">3,300</a> veterans last year alone.

Every night we do not act, is another night that a Veteran does not get back.

No Veteran should ever be left out on the streets of the country they volunteered to protect.

We are committed to providing a path forward for veterans to reintegrate back into the community, and to also make sure those who are struggling do not backslide into homelessness.