

Dear Friends and Veterans,

It has been a full year since, with your help, the Homeless Hospitality Center opened Project Home on Mountain Ave in New London. We are happy to report that your support has already made a big difference among homeless vets in our region. Our eight-bed building has provided a respite from homelessness for 27 veterans. During their stay with us, each veteran got individual attention in taking the next steps that would allow them to return to permanent housing.

And the stable housing and personal attention we can give at Project Home are paying off. We have linked vets with health issues to the VA health system, supported job search efforts, helped people apply for VA and other benefits, encouraged skill building through volunteer service and allowed people to save toward their future housing. In our first year, we were able to help almost a third of our residents move quickly to permanent housing. Other residents were not yet ready to live on their own and were linked to treatment or supported living situations. For some, the transition plan is slower and they remain at Project Home. Considering that it was the house's first year, these are great outcomes.

Not every vet who has entered this house has made a successful transition... we expected that. But we will keep trying with the same perseverance that so many of you have demonstrated as service members and families. The Veteran's Administration has been very grateful to have a housing option in our area to meet the growing need. Without your help and support none of this would have been possible. We are so grateful for your overwhelming support for the Veteran's

*Transitional House, for your service to your nation, and for the deep and abiding
care you show every day to one another.*

Sincerely yours,

*Catherine Zall,
Executive Director*

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Board Member*