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THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS IS YOU!

St. Michael’s Veterans Center is a leading nonprofit in the Kansas City area committed to providing quality, affordable apartment homes and supportive services to veterans who are homeless or disabled. Since 2014, St. Michael’s Veterans Center has served nearly 200 formerly homeless men, women and children at its 24-acre permanent housing campus for veterans.

2019 was an OUTSTANDING year at SMVC!

There are several ways to help St. Michael’s Veterans Center:

DONATE: One-time gifts of cash or frequent flyer miles, monthly donations and workplace matching programs can all transform lives with your support. You also can help by donating food and personal care items.

VOLUNTEER: Volunteers are key to the work we do. If you have an hour or two to spare join our great crew of volunteers.

FUNDRAISING: The options are endless when it comes to raising money for St. Michael’s Veterans Center. Contact us to help you develop a custom fundraising event.

SPONSORSHIPS: We rely on the generosity of corporate sponsors. Contact us today to explore how you can become a sponsor and make a difference for Kansas City veterans.

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