



ST. MICHAEL'S VETERANS CENTER

2024 Annual Report

President Barack Obama's first administration set out a strategy to end homelessness for our nation's veterans. Since then, veteran homelessness has declined 52 percent. St. Michael's Veterans Center (SMVC) has contributed to this regional and national success since opening in 2014. Our Housing First model connects permanent, affordable housing with vital social services focused on supporting veterans to stay housed and to be well.



For more than 10 years, 97 percent of SMVC veterans have maintained permanent housing.

Today, we are home to 117 veterans. In 2024, we broke ground on a third phase of permanent, affordable housing which will allow us to welcome 62 more veterans home later this year.

We are more than just housing; we are community at SMVC. Our veterans are engaged in everyday life here. They work together at our coffee shop, at our monthly food pantry, while tending our community garden and they gather frequently for off-campus activities or to enjoy a movie or watch a sporting event. We recognize their service to our community by awarding a Guardian Award to a veteran resident at our annual Celebration of Heroes.

As we move further into 2025, we are looking forward to not only the opening of Phase III but the groundbreaking for Patriot Park. The park will be a dedicated green space on campus to honor all six branches of the armed forces and will be yet another spot for our community to gather.

Our community is enriched by the outstanding staff, volunteers and partners we work with at SMVC. Without them, and you, nothing we do for our veteran residents would be possible.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission at SMVC.

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2024 IMPACT

St. Michael's Veterans Center is a valued living community with an average of 90 percent of residents choosing St. Michael's as their home from year-to-year. In 2024, 130 veterans lived on the SMVC campus and 100 percent retained permanent housing.

In 2024, 55 percent of SMVC veterans worked one-on-one with social services to address personal goals around income and benefits, well-being, substance use, mental health, eviction prevention, socialization, legal, and transportation. 73 percent of their goals were met during 2024. SMVC provided social services to 92 percent of SMVC veterans including the following:

- 88% used the Food Pantry
- 88% enjoyed the coffee shop, community meals, and social activities
- 100% received holiday and birthday gifts
- 83% used the Dignity Pantry
- 34% participated in educational programs and field trips
- 35% received household items
- 44% completed tax returns / rent rebate returns
- 21% created legal documents (wills, powers of attorney)

This high level of stability is achieved because on-site professional services are designed to improve the quality of life and well-being of veterans along with housing permanency.

For more financial and governance information, please visit www.guidestar.org/profile/90-0765963.



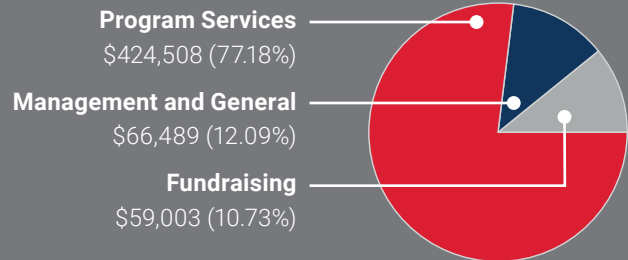
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