ST. MICHAEL'S VETERANS CENTER

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Over the past decade, St. Michael's Veterans Center (SMVC) has remained committed to a simple but powerful belief: every veteran deserves a safe, stable place to call home. Through our Housing First model, we continue to pair permanent, affordable housing with the supportive services veterans need to remain housed, healthy, and connected to community.

In 2025, we reached a defining milestone with the completion and soon to open Phase III — now known as Valor House. This new residence joins Courage House (Phase I) and Honor House (Phase II), expanding our campus and making it possible to welcome 60 additional veterans home. Each new apartment represents more than housing; it represents dignity, stability, and the opportunity for a fresh start.

At the same time, we are building for the future. Construction is underway at Patriot Park, a dedicated green space on campus designed to honor all six branches of the armed forces while creating a place for reflection, connection, and community. This space will further strengthen the sense of belonging that defines life at SMVC. We were proud to host a groundbreaking event with so many community partners, neighbors, residents, public officials, media, and advocates – we couldn't do this work without this incredible support.

At SMVC, we are more than housing — we are community. From conversations shared in our campus coffee shop to volunteer-led activities and gatherings, our veterans experience connection and support every day. This year, we were proud to welcome dozens of new volunteers through strong corporate and community partnerships, including St. Michael the Archangel students, GEHA Health, United Auto Workers, Rotary Club, Infinitas, The Starbucks Foundation, Elks Scholars, and many others who continue to invest their time and talent in our mission. Community volunteers are the heartbeat of our organization, and we look forward to welcoming new and familiar faces alike in the near future.

We also celebrated moments of transformation beyond housing. Through the Cars 4 Heroes program, four deserving veterans received free vehicles, restoring independence, access to employment, and the ability to move forward with confidence.

None of this work happens alone. It is made possible by a community of partners, volunteers, and supporters who believe in our mission and stand alongside the veterans we serve.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on continuing this work — expanding access, strengthening services, and ensuring that every veteran who comes to SMVC has the opportunity not just to live, but to thrive.

Susan Engel
Executive Director

SMVC In the News

Patriot Park Ground Breaking

- Kansas City veterans center breaks ground on new park to honor military vets
- St. Michael's Veterans Center broke ground Friday on Patriot Park

Celebration of Heroes

- Hundreds of Kansas Citians raise $60K to help house homeless veteran

2025 IMPACT

90%

St. Michael's Veterans Center is a valued living community with an average of 90% of residents choosing SMVC as their home from year-to-year.

98%

In 2025, 131 veterans lived on the SMVC campus and 98% maintained permanent housing. Since opening in 2014, 97% of SMVC veterans have sustained permanent housing.

75%

In 2025, 75% 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; 69 percent of their goals were met.

100%

SMVC provided social services to 100% of SMVC veterans including the following:

- **100%** received holiday and birthday gifts
- **89%** enjoyed the coffee, community meals, and social activities
- **79%** used the Food Pantry
- **66%** used the Dignity Pantry
- **26%** participated in educational programs and field trips
- **47%** completed tax returns / rent rebate returns
- **13%** created legal documents (wills, powers of attorney)
- **10%** received household items

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.

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Statement of Functional Expenses

- **Program Services** $484,920 (82.21%)
- **Management and General** $45,097 (7.64%)
- **Fundraising** $59,852 (10.15%)

Source: 2024 Audited Financial Statements. For more financial and governance information, please visit app.candid.org/profile/9211427.

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