

Press Release: Pensacola nonprofit receives large grant to help in need Veterans!

Community Integration
AWP Sub-Grantee Program Press Release

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Volunteers of America of Florida Receives Community Integration Sub-Grant

Pensacola, FL 8/8/2016 – Volunteers of America of Florida today announced that they have received a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from America’s Warrior Partnership (AWP) Community Integration, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to identify and support community-level agencies that provide holistic services to veterans. This grant has been awarded in response to a nomination by Panhandle Warrior Partnership, with whom Volunteers of America of Florida will be collaborating to provide housing, electricity, moving expenses, and tools for employment services to veterans.

The Volunteers of America of Florida, Pensacola Program is a Grant Per Diem, Transitional Housing Program that serves homeless Veterans. In addition to housing, the program provides support services to include behavioral health services as well as job training, education and employment services. The goal of the program is to create positive change in the lives of the homeless Veterans through their support services. That support fully prepares the Veterans for independent living after the two year duration of the program. However, most Veterans move out independently within the first year. The Pensacola Program achieves outstanding outcomes with low recidivism and the staff is extremely dedicated, as many Volunteers of America of Florida team members are Veterans themselves.

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Janet Stringfellow, President & CEO of Volunteers of America of Florida, stated “We are grateful for the support of the AWP Community Integration and the nomination from the Panhandle Warrior Partnership. We share their mission as we partner to empower warriors of Northwest Florida with a well-planned collaboration spirit”.

Volunteers of America of Florida is the largest provider of Transitional Housing for Veterans in the State of Florida and the third largest provider in the country. Volunteers of America of Florida is also proud to serve Veterans and their families across Florida through their Supportive Services (SSVF) programs. To learn more about our services, visit: <http://voaflorida.org/our-services/>.

“The Community Integration sub-grant helps foster greater community collaboration and partnership,” said Cheree Tham, Director, AWP Community Integration. “We believe our support of Volunteers of America of Florida will help make Panhandle Warrior Partnership more successful. As always, our goal is to support military, veterans, and their families at the community level. We are excited about what this collaboration will mean to Pensacola. ”

Community Integration is a national award program administered by AWP Community Integration. It is made possible by Wounded Warrior Project funding.