



HALIFAX YOUR IMPACT IN 2018

A grassroots movement, VETS Canada began in 2010/2011 when Jim Lowther, a veteran himself, realized that there were veterans slipping through the cracks. They had not made successful transitions from their military careers to healthy, productive civilian lives. These veterans had lost their families, were living in the streets or at-risk of being homeless.

Working within the community, VETS Canada members attempt to move veterans from the streets or shelters into affordable housing. They also connect veterans with needed health care, access to benefits and services from other organizations, and support them in finding suitable employment. VETS Canada volunteers support with these veterans every step of the way and do everything possible to help them re-establish themselves.



VETS CANADA: THE VETERAN DROP-IN AND SUPPORT CENTRE | \$50,000

Proceeds from the 2018 HHTH Halifax Tournament will fund VETS Canada's Veteran's Drop-In and Support Centre. Located at 170 Ochterlony Street in Dartmouth, the centre will provide aid and comfort to Canadian veterans that are in-crisis, are at risk of becoming homeless, or are homeless. It is the first of its kind in Nova Scotia, and will provide a place where veterans and RCMP members can come for immediate help and support. It will also be a place where they can use the veteran's resource centre and library, get a coffee, or a bite to eat. The centre will include trained social services personnel and veteran peer volunteers on-site who will have a range of immediate supports that include housing, clothing, food and transportation that will be provided to veterans and their families as needed. Access to supports is important to help veterans maintain their relationships and mental health, find civilian employment, manage injuries and illnesses, and reduce social isolation.

From this project, VETS Canada estimates that they will be able to help around 240 veterans per year from the centre. Over 1,500 homeless veterans and veterans in crisis have been supported by VETS Canada throughout Nova Scotia since 2014.

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