

A Call to Landlords: One Home, with Dignity, for Every Homeless Veteran in King County

Veterans have endured physical and mental hardship and separation from their family and friends to protect our Nation's cherished freedoms. In appreciation of their courage and service to our county, we are asking property owners and landlords to recognize their sacrifice by committing to permanently house Veterans in our community who need a place to call home by **December 31, 2015**.

In King County, over one thousand Veterans are homeless or will experience homelessness between now and the end of this year. Despite resources available from multiple partners in our community, there is still a gap of available and affordable rental units in King County to help us achieve our goal to end Veteran homelessness in 2015. You may have heard that Seattle is one of the fastest growing cities in the country, and as a result, we have a low rental market vacancy rate of 2 percent within regions of King County. Of the remaining units that are available, many are too expensive for our Veterans. These local rental market conditions, while good for our general economy, make finding a sufficient supply of affordable rental units for our Veterans a considerable challenge. These are some of the reasons we are asking for your help and participation in housing our Veterans.

Aside from the personal fulfillment of contributing to this vital mission, property owners and landlords who participate are eligible for many financial benefits and assurances guaranteed by King County and local partners. If you have already or are currently housing a formerly homeless Veteran, **we thank you** for ensuring our Veterans in King County are living with the dignity they deserve.

If you would like to help honor our Nation's Veterans by renting to one, please contact: **Landlord Outreach Specialist Larry Todd, 206-336-4616, ltodd@ywcaworks.org** or **VA Housing Specialist Michael Damon, 206-305-7185, Michael.Damon@va.gov**. You may also sign up through the One Home Campaign at www.onehomekc.org. Your information and rental unit(s) will be added to our match program to deliver potential Veteran renters to fill your vacant unit(s).

Thank you,



Veterans & Families of King County