



Vetnetwork Community Impact Report 2023



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OUR MISSION

THE MISSION AND PURPOSE OF THE AGENCY IS TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM NEEDS OF LOWER-INCOME VETERANS. VETWORK PROVIDES SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO ASSIST THE VETERAN IN OBTAINING PERMANENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION TO ACCESS ALL NECESSARY

MEDICAL OR BASIC-NEEDS SERVICES. WE SEEK TO PROVIDE A CONTINUUM OF CARE WITH OUR SERVICES AND TO ENABLE VETERANS TO MAINTAIN, OR ACHIEVE, SELF-SUFFICIENCY. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS END, WE ARE COMMITTED TO ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND THE PRUDENT DELIVERY OF DIRECT, QUALITY SERVICES.





Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year at Vetnetwork, the first thing that comes to mind are the incredible veterans that we have had the honor of serving this year. The stories, the successes, and the challenges all drive the work Vetnetwork does. This year has been one of significant achievement and growth. Along with our regular operations, we opened a new Transitional Housing Facility and formed a Peer-to-Peer Support Group. Additionally, we hit new fundraising milestones, resulting in a drastic increase in the services we were able to provide this year, and setting a new bar for next year.

The resilience shown by our team and volunteers amidst unprecedented challenges has been nothing short of inspirational. We adapted quickly to the changing landscape, ensuring that our support for those in need remained steadfast and effective.

I extend my deepest gratitude to each of you – our donors, volunteers, staff, and partners. Your generosity, time, and expertise have been the cornerstone of our success. In 2023, we provided 1117 services throughout our programs. An over 27% increase from last year.

On a personal note, a highlight for me this past year was an increase in the use of the Bill Reeves Food Pantry. My father, Bill Reeves, donated to this food pantry over 20 years ago, and seeing the still intensive need reinforced the importance of our mission and the real-life impact of our collective efforts.

I invite you to continue this journey with us. Whether it be through volunteering, donating, or simply spreading the word about our work, your involvement is crucial to our success.

As we look to the future, I am optimistic about the opportunities and challenges ahead. Together, we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for being a part of the Vetnetwork family.

Sincerely,
Maureen Liddy
President, Vetnetwork



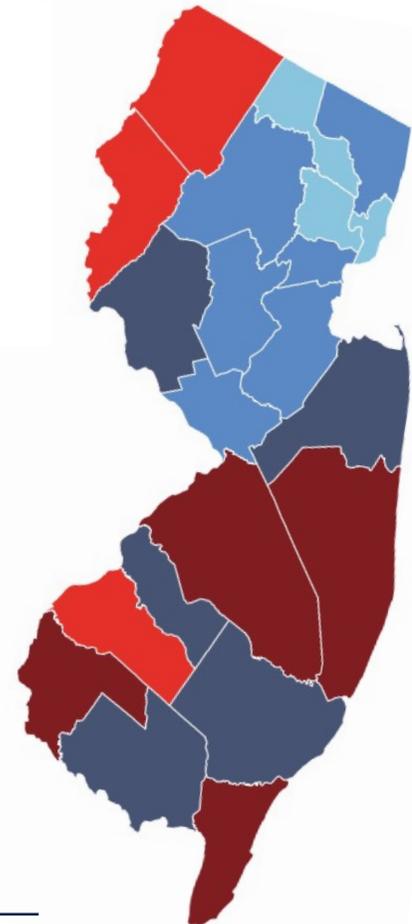
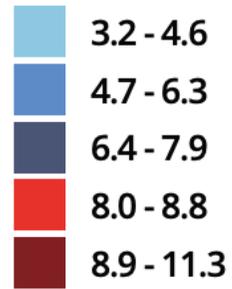


WHO WE SERVE

30,000+

OCEAN COUNTY VETERANS

PERCENT VETERAN POPULATION



Sources: [Censusreporter.org](https://www.censusreporter.org), [Veteransdata.info](https://www.veteransdata.info)





WE CAN
ALWAYS
DO
MORE
FOR OUR
VETERANS



HOW WE SERVE

OUR OCEAN COUNTY VETERANS

OTHER SERVICES

Vetnetwork provides a wide-array of supportive services including:

- VA Assistance
- Employment Services
- Acquisition of Military Records
- Senior Veteran Services
- Money Management, Budgeting, and Life Skills

FOOD ASSISTANCE

The Bill Reeves Food Pantry provides an estimated 2000 meals annually for veterans. All food is donated by the community.



TRANSPORTATION

Vetnetwork's transportation is unlike any other program in the state. We currently operate three vehicles for veteran transport.



HOUSING

Vetnetwork operates a 4-room housing facility and collaborates with community partners to keep over 100 veterans off the street per year.



OUR IMPACT

1117

Services Provided in 2023

For Ocean County Veterans

509

Visits to the Bill Reeves Food Pantry

237

Veteran Transports

129

Veterans Assisted with Housing



VETERAN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM



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I cannot thank you enough for the kind, generous help you provide. Your drivers are great, they are patient and engage in conversation openly. This is not surprising since we Veterans tend to talk openly with other Veterans.

**U.S. ARMY (RET.) RICK A.
FORKED RIVER**





CHARLIE BURNS, U.S. ARMY

In January of 2023, Charlie, a U.S. Army Veteran, faced a situation no veteran should ever encounter—homelessness. He came to Vetwork seeking help and hope, and we welcomed him with open arms, ready to support his journey of recovery and reintegration. Our first step was addressing his immediate needs. Charlie received nourishing meals from the Bill Reeves Food Pantry and a place in our Mount Zion Transitional Housing Facility, more than just a shelter but a steppingstone to a new chapter in his life.

At Vetwork, we believe in a holistic approach to support. For Charlie, this meant addressing his basic needs and empowering him to regain his independence. We provided essential clothing, transportation to medical appointments, and assistance in setting up a new bank account, crucial for financial stability and independence. However, the most significant support we offered was constant encouragement and guidance. For someone like Charlie, battling uphill, these gestures of support were lifelines, bolstering his confidence to face each new day.

Charlie's transformation at Vetwork was remarkable. He grew stronger each day, not just in meeting life's practical demands but in his sense of self-worth and purpose. Our team worked closely with him, identifying his strengths and interests, leading to tailored job training and career counseling. This personalized approach set him on a path to meaningful employment.

As Charlie rebuilt his life, the community at Vetwork stood with him, celebrating his victories and providing support during setbacks. This sense of community and belonging was crucial in his journey. In early 2023, Charlie took the next step forward. He left Vetwork as a beacon of hope and resilience, with gainful employment and stable housing. His story is a testament to the power of support, community, and the human spirit's capacity to overcome.

Charlie's journey mirrors that of many veterans who come to us in their darkest hours. His story is a powerful reminder of why we do what we do at Vetwork. It's about transforming lives, one veteran at a time. As we share Charlie's story, we do so with immense pride and a renewed commitment to our mission, inspired by the courage and resilience of veterans like Charlie.



To Whom It May Concern: We would like to express our deepest gratitude and thanks to Tom and Barbara (Vet Works of Forked River, NJ). We would like to acknowledge the professional, courteous, and outstanding assistance we received. They are both very caring people who possess a wealth of invaluable knowledge. Tom and Barbara truly understand the needs of our veterans, and they answer the call of service each day. With



We so enjoyed our Easter meal. God Bless, and God Bless your loved ones. ~ Ted Z. Vetnetwork has helped me several times in the past few years. From transportation assistance to and from doctor's appointments, to a viable food bank that provides meals for veterans, to even helping financially when I didn't have enough for rent. The people at Vetnetwork are incredibly helpful and provide serious resources when possible. ~ Jacen T.



EXPANDING OUTREACH



In 2023, we opened a transitional housing facility, unlike any other in Ocean County, enabling us to house more veterans more cost-effectively. In 2023, housed 377% more veterans year-over-year.

Our CEP provides educational services to local organizations and advises veterans about services available to them as well as spread awareness of our organization



In 2023, we began a monthly peer-to-peer support group, and it has gained great traction in the community. It also serves as an avenue for veterans to seek out other Vetwork services.

Vetwork
SAVED ROUNDS
PEER TO PEER
VETERAN SUPPORT GROUP
1st Wednesday of Every Month
6:30pm to 8:00pm
NETWORK BUILDING
103 NORTH MAIN STREET, FORKED RIVER, NJ 08731
609-971-7613 & vetwork@vetwork.org

Coffee With A Veteran
 DO YOU LIKE COFFEE??
 DO YOU LIKE OTHER VETERANS?
 DO YOU LIKE TO TALK GREEN?
 COME JOIN US DAILY FOR
 COFFEE AND CAMARADERIE!
ALL VETERANS
ALL SERVICES
ALL ERAS
ARE WELCOME
VETWORK
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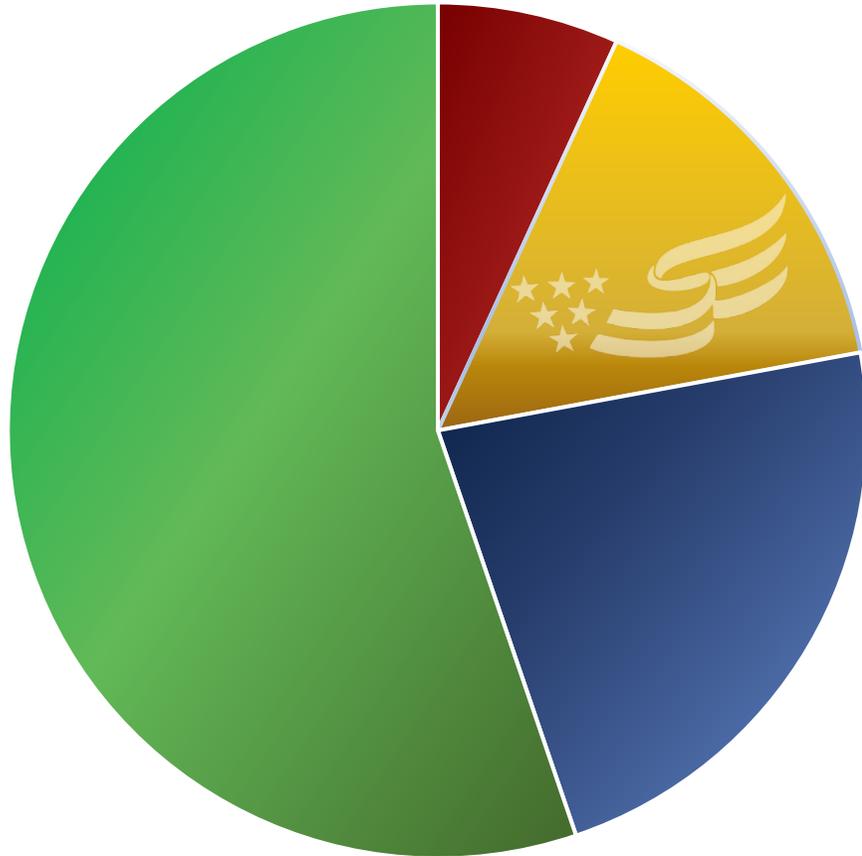
CUP OF JOE?

We regularly welcome veterans to join us at the office for a cup of coffee. This informal setting builds community while also allowing veterans to learn more about Vetwork.



FINANCIALS

SOURCES OF SUPPORT



- Fundraising Efforts
- Grants

- Individuals and Corporations
- Public Sector Funding

WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON

100%

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Vetnetwork is supported by more than 300 donors across New Jersey and the United States who entrust us with their generosity to execute our mission year-round.

We are proud to report that our commitment to fiscal responsibility has been validated by Charity Navigator and Candid GuideStar.

\$330 THOUSAND

Approx. Revenue & Donations for 2023



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ALWAYS
DO
MORE
FOR OUR
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