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Homeless Hero receives Holiday Homecoming

Community welcomes and celebrates homeless veteran receiving housing assistance

(Phoenix, AZ) – A local veteran experiencing homelessness will receive a warm holiday homecoming in time for Christmas, as part of Project H3 VETS, a community collaboration of the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, Phoenix VA Health Care System, Arizona Department of Veterans Services, the City of Phoenix and community based non-profits.

The veteran moving home was identified by a survey conducted during the Veteran’s Day Holiday week to identify local homeless veterans most at risk. Surveyors used a health assessment currently used by over 108 communities across the country as part of the 100,000 Homes Campaign, led by Community Solutions, a national non-profit organization. Now with the help of 90 federally funded Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers, Project H3 VETS will assist the veteran in moving into his own apartment and connecting him with VA case management and community-based supportive services. The housing vouchers are only a first step to successfully transition out of homelessness. Project H3 VETS is also looking for corporate community partners and generous individuals willing to help our homeless heroes leave the streets behind. You can find out more and donate to Project H3 VETS by visiting www.azceh.org/project-h3-vets

“We are thrilled to partner with so many organizations to help welcome this veteran home. He will be able to celebrate Christmas in the comfort of his own place instead of on the streets or in a shelter,” said Joan Serviss, Executive Director of the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, which is overseeing the project. “We will continue our efforts to provide housing and appropriate supportive care for all the vulnerable veterans identified as part of the survey and are so appreciative of the community’s continued collaboration in making this move-in and future move-ins such a success.”

Project H3 VETS builds on the success of Project H3: *Home, Health, Hope*, which provided permanent supportive housing to some of the vulnerable homeless individuals and families in the community. Project H3 VETS, in addition to providing housing and support, seeks to conduct approximately 1,200 surveys, the estimated number of homeless veterans living throughout Maricopa County, to identify their housing and service needs.

- Who:** Project H3 VETS, a community collaboration led by the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness to end veteran homelessness in the Valley
- What:** Homeless Hero Holiday Homecoming
- Where:** Bella Solano Apartments, 5656 N. 17th Avenue, Apartment F-6 in Phoenix, AZ
- When:** Friday, December 23rd, 2011 at 8:45 a.m. The veteran and his VA Case Manager, Jeremy Pottle, will join us at 9 a.m. for the “official community” welcome home.
- Why:** Our homecoming hero has done so much by serving our country. Please join us in saying “thank you for your service” and “welcome home” and “happy holidays” all in one celebration!

Media: There will be opportunities to interview the veteran, his VA Case Manager, and community volunteers.

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