

VETERANS

COMMUNITY PROJECT

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**VETERANS COMMUNITY PROJECT BREAKS GROUND FOR
TINY HOUSE VILLAGE SERVING HOMELESS VETERANS IN ST. LOUIS**

VCP to provide housing and support services for Veterans in need

ST. LOUIS, MO (September 9, 2021) –[Veterans Community Project](#) (VCP) has officially broken ground in the Jeff Vander Lou neighborhood to build a campus that includes a village of tiny houses for Veterans experiencing homelessness and a Veterans Outreach Center to provide support services for any Veteran in the St. Louis metro area.

"I am so proud to welcome VCP to St. Louis. You've heard the saying it 'it takes a village' but VCP brings new meaning to that phrase. It really does take the support of a village to help someone get back on their feet after experiencing homelessness." said Mayor of St. Louis, Tishaura Jones.

VCP was founded in Kansas City, Missouri by a group of combat Veterans who resolved to stand in the gaps of a broken system that leaves too many service members behind. They serve any Veteran who took the oath to defend our Constitution regardless of discharge status, length of service, or type of service. The Kansas City campus has already served more than 4,100 at-risk Veterans and successfully transitioned almost 80 formerly homeless Veterans into permanent housing since its opening in 2018.

"Everywhere VCP goes, we save lives," said Afghanistan veteran and former Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander, who now serves as President of Veterans Community Project. "And thanks to strong civic and corporate partnerships, we have the opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in St. Louis, as well."

Located on a 5-acre property in the heart of St. Louis, the Veterans Community Project campus will consist of 50 tiny homes, ranging from 240 – 320 square feet, and the VCP Village Community Center. The community center will serve as "base camp," providing case management services,

education, health and wellness programming, and social activities for the Veterans who live in the Village.

The Veterans Outreach Center will provide resources for any Veteran requiring support services such as emergency rent and utility assistance, food and hygiene kits, employment supports, military documentation and benefits navigation, and case management.

Veterans Community Project – St. Louis is being developed in partnership with the community and a significant investment from the Veterans United Foundation. VCP announced a new partnership with The Boeing Company at the event.

“With over two-thousand military veterans employed by Boeing in the St. Louis region, Boeing is always looking for local partnerships that are committed to providing our veteran communities with essential workforce transition support, rehabilitation and recovery programs that address visible and invisible wounds,” said Randell Gelzer, Senior Director of Government Operations at Boeing. “We are very proud to partner with the Veterans Community Project, as this brand new development is a shining example of that necessary support for our veteran communities in need.”

Veterans Community Project is expected to start vertical construction by 2Q2022 with Veterans housed by the end of the year.

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About Veteran’s Community Project (VCP)

Veterans Community Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation founded by a group of combat Veterans in Kansas City, Missouri who resolved to stand in the gaps of a broken system that left too many of their brothers and sisters behind. By providing critical support services and an innovative transitional housing model, VCP has served thousands of at-risk and homeless Veterans since 2016. Using Kansas City as a blueprint, VCP is expanding its program to 8 cities by 2022 starting with Longmont, Colorado and St. Louis, Missouri. VCP’s long-term goal: ending Veteran homelessness nationwide. For more information, visit www.veteranscommunityproject.org.





Rendering of Veterans Community Project - St. Louis

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