The Swiss Project

Veteran Support Center

<u>Mission</u>

The Swiss Project Veteran Support Center's mission is to restore the dignity and pride of homeless and disadvantaged United States veterans through the provision of basic needs and resources, and community youth partnerships.

Services

Swiss Project Veteran Support Center is a federal and state recognized non-profit organization located in the heart of Sacramento, California where there are approximately 650 homeless veterans currently living on the streets. Our facility will serve men and women veteran members by providing:

- Laundry services
- Clothing closet
- Showering centers
- Hygiene packages
- Volunteer barbers/beauticians
- Meal services (Lunch bags)
- Mobile meal services
- Transportation services
- Skills lab
- Resource center
- Recreation room
- Community youth partnerships

Program Specifics

Laundry Service

The Swiss Project Veteran Support Center will facilitate a state of the art laundry center which will be accessible from 7am - 7pm daily and will be free to veteran members only and will assist them to regain a positive self-image and a sense of dignity.

Clothing Closet

The Swiss Project Veteran Support Center will accept clothing donations from the community for our clothing closet where veteran members will select outfits, shoes, coats, socks, and undergarments once per week at no charge. The clothing center will open Thursdays-Saturdays 7am -2pm

Showering Centers

The Swiss Project Veteran Support Center will provide twelve separate, private showering centers for male and female veteran members from 7a -7p daily for no charge.

Hygiene Packages

The Swiss Project Veteran Support Center will provide a hygiene package to veteran members once every two weeks which will include travel sized: deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, lotion, lip balm, tissue, and feminine products for no charge.

Volunteer Barbers and Beauticians

Grooming is very important to restoring a positive self-image. The Swiss Project Veteran Support Center has recruited several barbers and beauticians who have agreed to serve our veteran members with haircuts, hairdos, and fresh shaves every Monday and Tuesday from 9am - 2pm for no charge.

Meal Services

Veteran Members will be provided a "lunch bag" through our walk-up window 10am-2pm daily for no charge.

Mobil Meal Services

The Swiss Project Veteran Support Center's Food Truck will provide lunch bags through-out Sacramento's disadvantaged areas for the homeless population daily between 12p - 3p for no charge.

Transportation Service

The Swiss Project Veteran Support Center will assist our veteran members with transportation to scheduled doctors appointments and job interviews for no charge.

Skills Lab

The Swiss Project Veteran Support Center's will offer a commuter lab, resume development, entrepreneurship training, goal setting, and basic life skills to our veteran members.

Resource Center

The Swiss Project Veteran Support Center will provide information and referral services for mental health and medical services, educational opportunities, housing, and other community services.

Recreation Room

Socialization promotes healthy mental health and assists in building friendships and a sense of community. The Swiss Project Veteran Support Center's Rec Room will feature large screen televisions, music systems, a fitness center, a pool table, and a monthly social activity for members only.

Community Youth Partnership

Veterans have much to offer today's youth such as knowledge, skills, discipline and in exchange, the youth offer new perspectives, hope, energy and purpose to the veterans. The Swiss Project Veteran Support Center will provide community service opportunities for the youth to engage and support veterans with the understanding of the great sacrifices the veterans have made for them and our country. The youth will volunteer to work in the skills lab, laundry service, clothes closet, and mobile food truck.

