



# A History of Service

- 2014-2015:** First Christian Church of East Moline (FCCM) collects personal hygiene products for veterans served by VA's Homeless Veteran Outreach Center in Rock Island
- May 2015:** FCCM accepts VA's invitation to direct efforts away from personal hygiene products and toward the provision of essential household supplies for veterans moving back into housing with VA support.
- May-Nov 2015:** "Helmets of Hope" (HoH) selected as the ministry's name; consultation with local veteran-serving agencies to identify most-needed/useful household supplies; fundraising efforts; first supply inventory purchases
- Dec 5, 2015:** First HoH delivery, to the VALOR program of Humility Homes and Services, in Davenport
- Year 2015:** The calendar year ends with a total of 2,000 supply items provided to HoH partners, including 90 move-in kits to the VA's Homeless Veteran Outreach Center
- Apr 2016:** HoH welcomes the Salvation Army's homeless veteran outreach in Galesburg as a partner group/agency
- Nov 2017:** **MILESTONE REACHED:** 250 total move-in kits provided
- Jan 2018:** **MILESTONE REACHED:** 10,000 total items provided
- Nov 2019:** HoH welcomes the "Welcome Home" homeless veteran re-housing work of the Davenport Elks lodge as a partner group/agency
- Mar 2020:** **MILESTONES REACHED:** 500 total move-in kits and 20,000 total items provided
- Jun 2020:** A sack of ready-to-eat and quick-to prepare food items added to move-in kits
- Oct 2023:** **MILESTONE REACHED:** 30,000 total items provided
- Dec 2023:** **MILESTONE REACHED:** 750 total move-in kits provided
- Year 2023:** **RECORDS SET:** Single year records set for the most move-in kits (139) and total items (6,722) provided
- Jul 2024:** HoH incorporates as a standalone 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, elects board of directors and officers
- Oct 2024:** HoH moves its supply inventory from the FCCM building to a climate-controlled storage facility in Moline
- Jan 2025:** FCCM ends its visible ministry; HoH continues on as a nonprofit organization
- Oct 2025:** **MILESTONES REACHED:** 900 total move-in kits and 40,000 total items provided
- Dec 2025:** The tenth anniversary of first HoH supply deliveries