



# NEWSLETTER

BUILDING HOPE, EXPANDING IMPACT:

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**A BOLD NEW CHAPTER FOR VIC**

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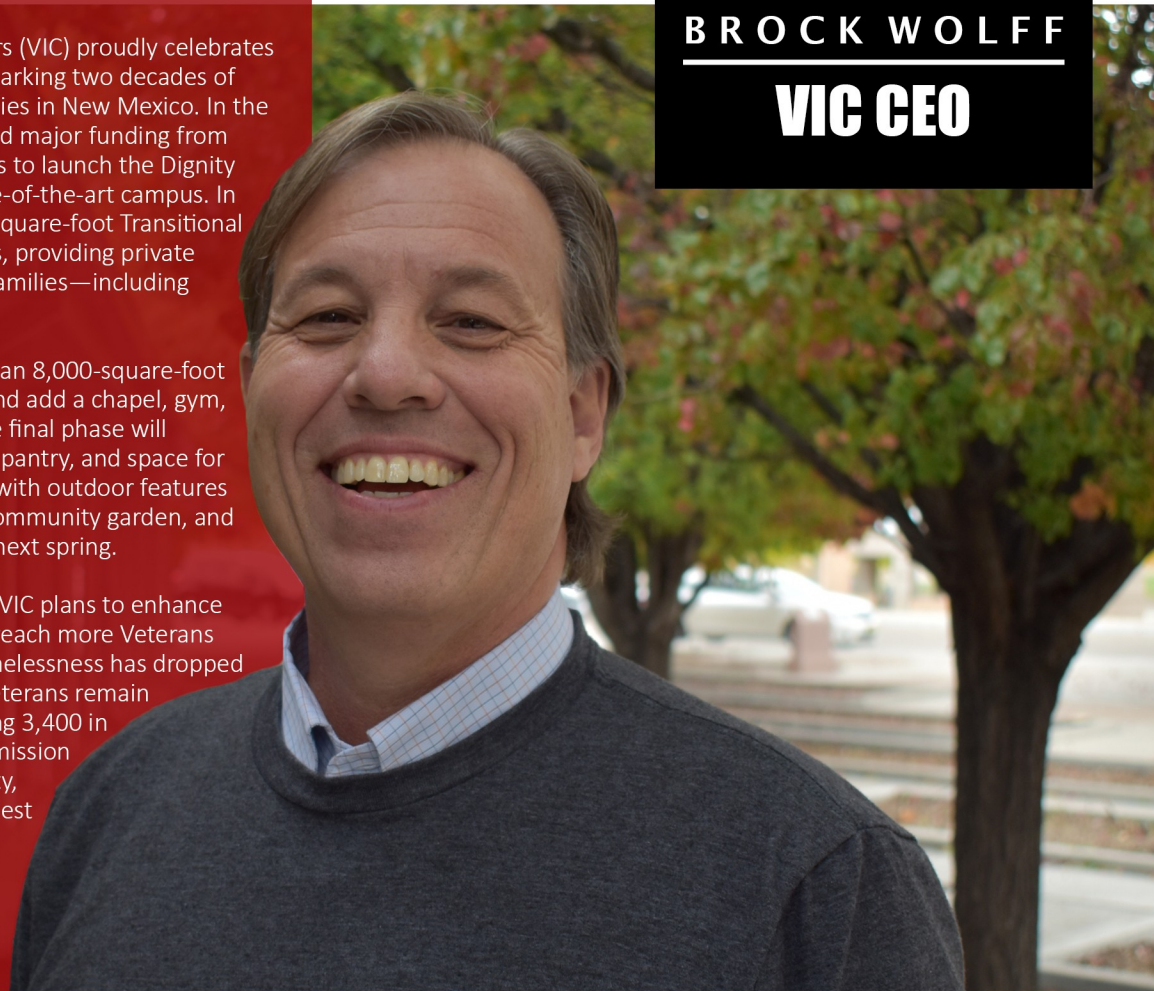
**BROCK WOLFF**

**VIC CEO**

The Veterans Integration Centers (VIC) proudly celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, marking two decades of serving Veterans and their families in New Mexico. In the past three years, the VIC secured major funding from government and private sources to launch the Dignity Campaign and build a new state-of-the-art campus. In October, VIC opened a 20,000-square-foot Transitional Housing Program with 42+ beds, providing private rooms for single Veterans and families—including children and service dogs.

Currently under construction is an 8,000-square-foot expansion that will unify staff and add a chapel, gym, library, art room, and more. The final phase will include a donation center, food pantry, and space for a future wellness center, along with outdoor features like walking trails, a dog park, community garden, and recreation courts, expected by next spring.

With expanded donor support, VIC plans to enhance behavioral health services and reach more Veterans statewide. Though Veteran homelessness has dropped 55% since 2010, over 33,000 Veterans remain unhoused nationwide—including 3,400 in New Mexico. VIC continues its mission to help Veterans achieve stability, purpose, and community. The best is yet to come!



## **SUCCESS STORY**

### **Veteran Success Story: Fred Martinez – Sober, Strong, and Moving Forward**

Fred Martinez, a U.S. Army Veteran, was referred to the Veterans Integration Centers (VIC) when he was on the brink of homelessness and struggling with addiction. With just weeks left before losing his apartment, Fred reached out for help—and began a new chapter.

“I stopped using substances the moment I spoke to VIC,” he shared. “Now I’m over 90 days clean and plan to stay that way.”

Through VIC’s Transitional Housing program, Fred found the structure and support he needed. Counseling with Girard Sanchez, along with curfews and staff encouragement, helped him stay focused and sober.

“I’ve lost two brothers to drugs,” Fred said. “But I’m excited for the future. When VIC checks in down the road, I’ll still be sober.”

Fred has since secured employment, purchased a vehicle, and is preparing to move into his own apartment.

“This is a great organization,” he said. “I’m proud to be part of VIC.”

Fred’s journey shows that with the right support, recovery—and a fresh start—is possible.





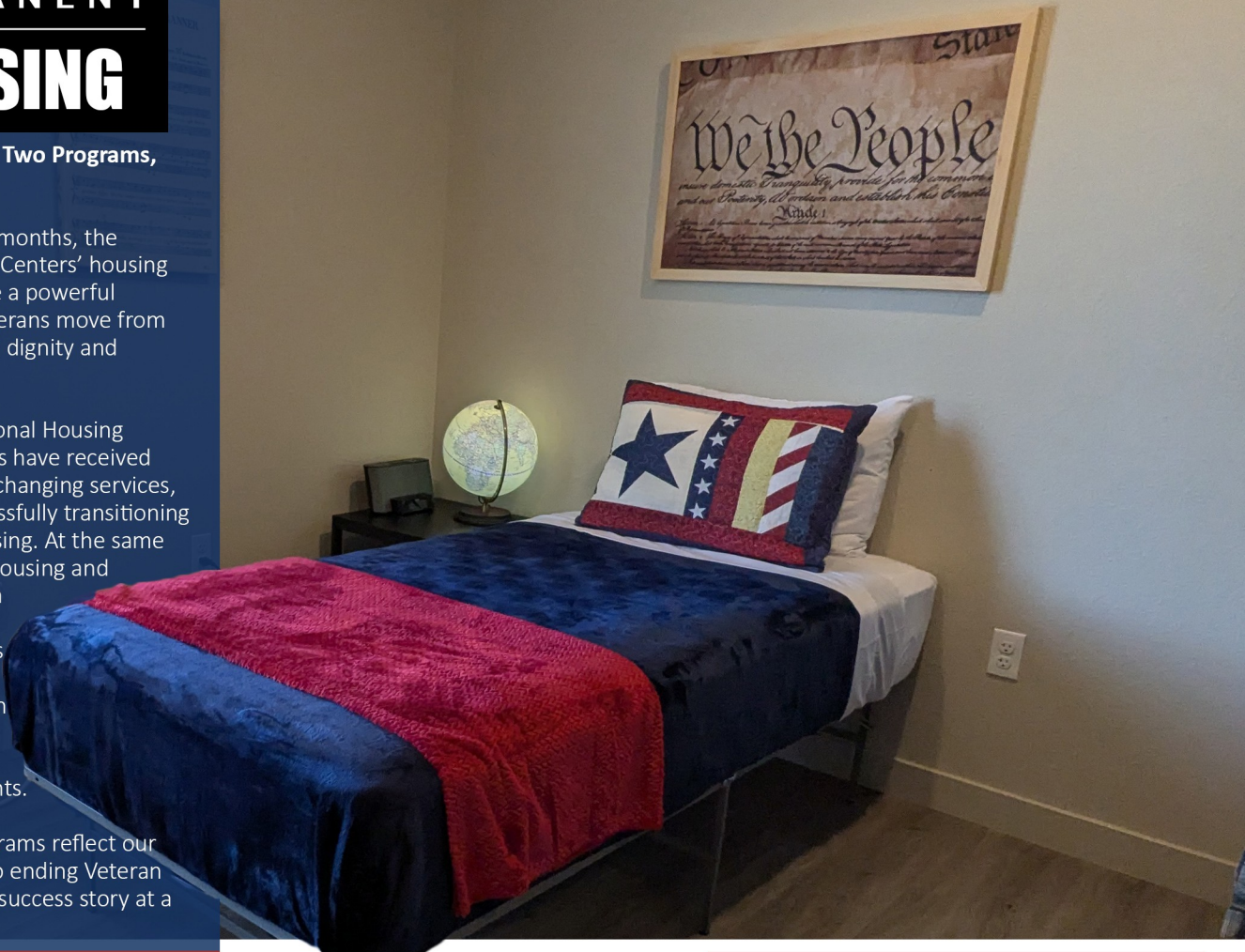
# PERMANENT HOUSING

## Housing That Heals: Two Programs, One Mission

Over the past seven months, the Veterans Integration Centers' housing programs have made a powerful impact—helping Veterans move from crisis to stability with dignity and support.

Through our Transitional Housing program, 82 Veterans have received safe shelter and life-changing services, with over 64% successfully transitioning into permanent housing. At the same time, our Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Prevention program (SSVF) has helped 79 individuals secure permanent housing, achieving an impressive 86.8% success rate across 144 participants.

Together, these programs reflect our deep commitment to ending Veteran homelessness—one success story at a time.



# STAMPOUT HUNGER



## More Than a Meal: The Lasting Impact of Our Food Pantry

Behind every box of food we distribute is a story of hope, dignity, and survival.

Through our Food Pantry program, the Veterans Integration Centers has provided over 2,200 food boxes this fiscal year alone—reaching Veterans, their families, and community members in times of real need. From emergency housing clients to Veterans in our GPD program, these boxes aren't just about calories—they're about care, stability, and rebuilding lives.

On average, 223 households a month receive essential nutrition thanks to this program. Whether through walk-ins, direct deliveries, or outreach efforts, each box is a reminder that no one is forgotten.

As the need grows, so does our commitment. Learn how you can support or benefit from this vital service at [nmvc.org/foodpantry](http://nmvc.org/foodpantry).





## MISSION STATEMENT

To enable Veterans and their families to achieve stable housing, financial security, and a renewed sense of community.

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