

Assisting Veterans in rebuilding their lives.

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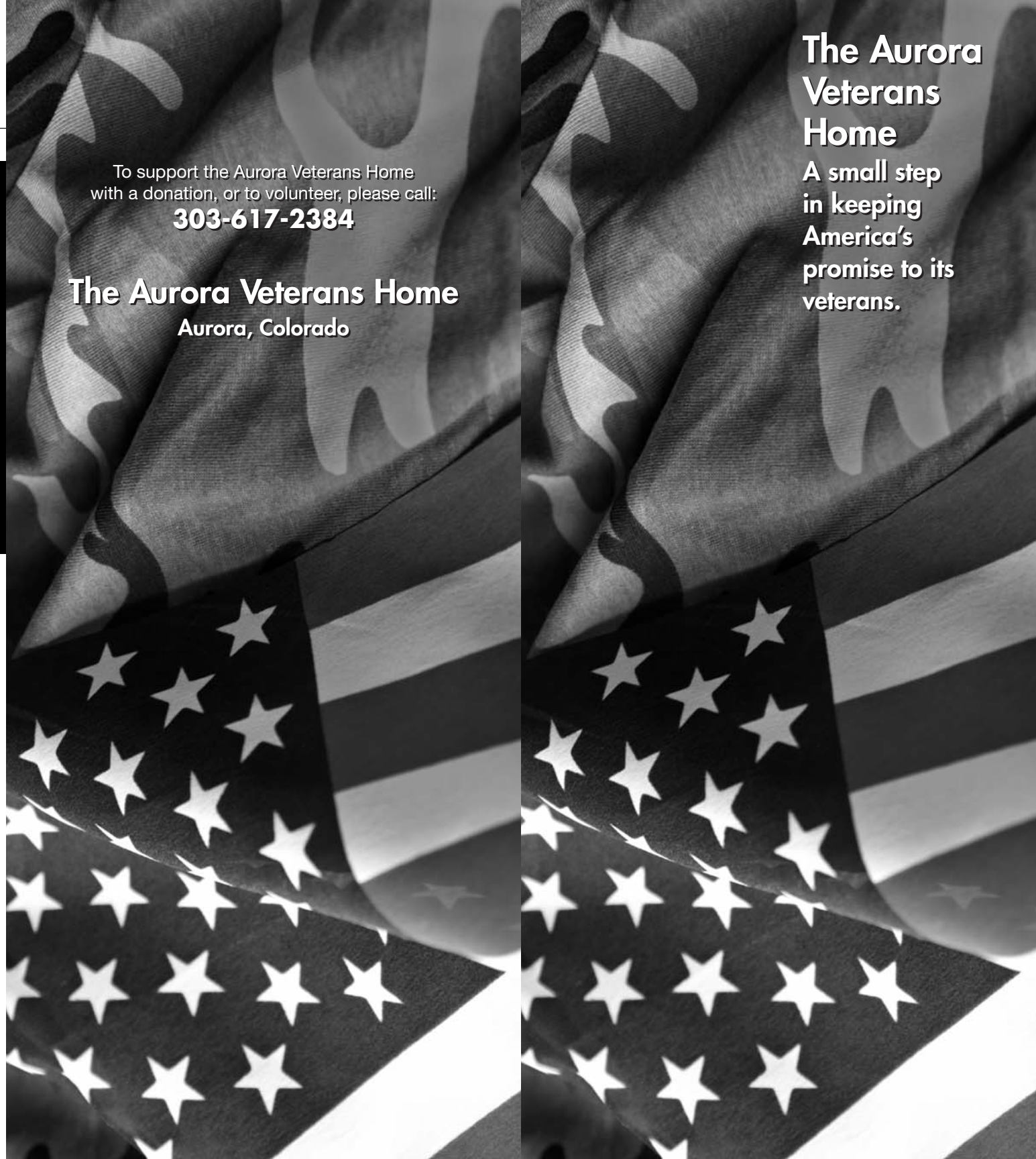
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Aurora, Colorado

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A small step in keeping America's promise to its veterans.





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There is no greater responsibility we, as Americans have than to take care of our veterans. We owe them our freedom, we owe them our compassion, and we owe them the chance to rebuild their lives.

Compounding challenges faced by veterans are shortages in affordable housing, a recession that has severely reduced the availability of jobs and the possibility of earning a livable income. Access to health care has become increasingly difficult while at the same time, a large number of at-risk veterans live with the lingering effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Family and social support networks have, in many cases disappeared which puts veterans at a further disadvantage. Consequently, estimates are that nearly 196,000* veterans are homeless on any given night. Of that number, only about 92,000* are being assisted by the VA, leaving more than 100,000* veterans each night in need of assistance from community service providers. As many as 400,000* veterans experience homelessness at some time during the year.



For any veteran to face homelessness in America is inexcusable. The citizens of Aurora have recognized their responsibility and have taken steps to face this issue directly. This beginning is called The Aurora Veterans Home.

This 15-bed facility serves honorably discharged veterans struggling with homelessness, substance use disorder and mental health issues. The program is open to veterans who are eligible for and referred through the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program from the Veterans Administration.

The Aurora Veterans Home is structured housing with supportive case management by expert staff and community resources that help veterans make a successful transition to independent living.

*National Coalition for Homeless Veterans



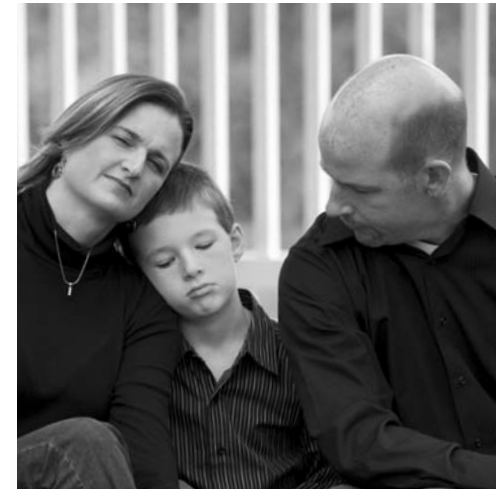
The goals of the program include:

- ▲ Connecting veterans to the VA for medical, mental health and vocational support, as well as substance use treatment services.
- ▲ Assisting in rebuilding their lives, discovering their untapped resilience, harnessing their strengths, and returning their sense of self-determination.
- ▲ Empowering veterans to find jobs, build savings, and move to independent housing in the community.

The professional, experienced support team at the home helps veterans set goals and coordinate case management for all the residents.

Some program components include:

- ▲ Connection to community groups and area resources
- ▲ Fostering volunteerism to create a greater sense of being a part of the community
- ▲ Post Traumatic Stress Disorder education
- ▲ Financial literacy classes
- ▲ Counseling to aid in re-connecting with family members



Our partners in creating the Aurora Veterans Home who recognized the debt we owe our veterans and without whom this endeavor would not have been possible, include: Samaritan House, St. Joseph's Veterans Home, Leadership Aurora, Aurora Mental Health Center, the City of Aurora and the local Veterans Administration GPD program.

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