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Veterans' Place Needs Help for HOMELESS VETERANS

March 21, 2008 – Barre City, VT - The Veterans' Place in Barre, VT is trying to help Vermont Homeless Veterans by applying for a \$600,000 Veterans Administration transitional housing grant to give homeless veterans an opportunity to once again become proud, successful members of society.

\$200,000 IMMEDIATE NEED: The Veterans' Place needs to raise \$200,000 in cash and committed pledges – before Friday, April 4th. If the VA Grant is awarded, they will provide the additional \$400,000.

In Vermont, there are over 150 homeless veterans on average nightly according to current statistics. Because of this need, the Veterans Administration has prioritized Vermont to receive grant monies that help homeless veterans.

The Veterans' Place is an IRS recognized non-profit corporation [501c3].

The HEDDING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Council has committed seed monies of \$10,000 to the Veterans' Place. These monies represent five percent of the overall need.

Pastor Ralph Howe of HUMC and a Board member of The Veterans' Place, stated, "Over the past six months we have been working with veterans and statewide partners on the creation of a transitional housing project in Central Vermont for Homeless Veterans. It is with tremendous compassion that the HUMC Church Council commits \$10,000 in hopes of encouraging other Vermont entities to see the need for helping Vermont's homeless veterans."

VISION: To help Homeless Veterans in Vermont by providing previously unavailable resources in an all-in-one locale so they may regain their PRIDE and reach their full potential; then replicate The Veterans Place around Vermont to eliminate Veterans homelessness.

GOAL: To create the first Veterans' Place transitional housing facility combined with assistive services within Vermont for Homeless Veterans and remove 20 homeless Veterans from the homeless population by 2010.

INITIAL SERVICES: Housing, Food, Legal, Dental & Eyeglasses, Job Seeking, Substance Abuse Counseling, Clothing, Personal, Hygiene.

PARTNERS: VA Med Center WRJ, various State Agencies, Veterans Service Organizations, local Businesses, Homeless Shelters, City Government, US Congressional Delegation.

DONATIONS: Cash – check or pledge, in-kind donations (volunteers, labor, materials, etc.), letters of support and letters of commitment from businesses, non-profits, and associations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or to help, please visit the website – www.vermontveteransplace.org ; email: info@vermontveteransplace.org, or call (802) 476-8156.

Kindly send your tax-deductible monetary donations to: The Veterans' Place, Inc., 40 Washington St., Barre, VT 05641. Thank you for your consideration.

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