

Cornerstone Lutheran Church riding bicycles to donate to homeless veterans

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Indianapolis, IN – Cornerstone Lutheran Church will ride and donate 25 bicycles to some of Indianapolis' homeless and at-risk veterans this Saturday, April 14.

Beginning at noon, participants will begin at Carmel High School's football stadium, East 136th St, Carmel, and ride down the Monon Trail to HVAF Headquarters, 964 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis.

HVAF will have some of their veterans there to receive the donated bikes, which are expected to arrive at 2 p.m. There will also be a ceremony for those receiving the bikes, as well as essential food and hygiene items to pass out to the veterans.

According to Brian Copes, President and CEO of HVAF, these bikes will help their veterans have a necessary means of transportation.

“For many of our veterans, a bicycle means independence and employability. Transportation is a critical necessity most people take for granted,” Copes said. “For veterans just regaining self-sufficiency, a vehicle is often unaffordable so providing a high-quality bicycle broadens the range of job options and improves their quality-of-life by expanding access to grocery stores, retail outlets, recreational areas and activities, medical appointments, and – perhaps most importantly – friends and family. It's not ‘just a bike’ – it's life.”

CLC, located in Carmel, has a military ministry that reaches out and helps military personnel and their families. This is one of the many ways they serve current and past service members. Church member Sandy Hughey works with the ministry and has organized the bike giveaway event for HVAF.

“The idea is to promote the good of what HVAF is doing for our homeless veterans and that our Cornerstone Lutheran Church Military Ministry wanted to help them out by providing bicycles for the veterans who do not have other means of transportation,” Hughey said.

Those interested in covering this event, please contact Lauren Carpenter, Advancement Coordinator at HVAF, at 317-371-4290 or LCarpenter@hvaf.org.

About HVAF: Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation (HVAF) helps homeless veterans return to self-sufficiency and engages at-risk veterans and their families to prevent them from becoming homeless by providing supportive housing, case management, food, hygiene and clothing, as well as other essential services.