



# HVAF Happenings

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## "It gave me a lot of hope" How our case managers housed a veteran in 24 hours!

In 2011, Lianna Spencer enlisted in the United States Air Force.

After serving for two years, Lianna got out and went back to her home in Arizona, where she went back to school and work. She also spent one year on the reservation taking care of her grandmother after she broke her leg.



Once her grandmother was doing better, Lianna needed to decide what her next steps would be.

"It was either go back to Arizona or move to Indy and stay with a friend," she said.

After moving to Indianapolis, it was definitely not what she expected.

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She said the friend abused substances and it was not a safe environment for her. When the landlord said he was going to kick both of them out, she realized she needed to get out of this situation and live on her own.

But she didn't have any money— she had spent all she had on the plane ride to Indiana. After looking up organizations that help the homeless, she discovered HVAF and came in to receive food and assistance.

Lianna came in one day to find housing and the very next day she was able to sign a lease for her very own apartment! All thanks to HVAF's dedicated case managers.

After talking with some of HVAF's case managers, Will— HVAF's housing specialist— found an apartment and took her to see it. She liked it and the very next day, she signed the lease and moved in.

She said for the case managers to move so quickly and find her a place meant so much to her.

"The fact that everybody was coming together so quickly for me, in a place that I don't even really know. That really gave me hope," Lianna said. "This is a new area, and new beginning."



# Volunteers Needed



**Veterans  
Community  
Center**

As we work on opening up a Community Center for Indy's veterans, we are in need of volunteers to create a relaxed atmosphere where veterans may obtain single serve drinks/food options and participate in self-directed recreational activities, such as watching television, reading or playing board games.

Interested? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator  
**Audrey Hopkins:**  
AHopkins@hvaf.org or  
317-951-0688 ext. 2116

## 200+ vets were served at the 14th annual Stand Down!



## Operation Alpha is back!

Indy's premier Veterans Day celebration returns on November 9th!

Operation Alpha is a collaborative event between HVAF of Indiana, Hotel Tango Artisan Distillery, and The Tinker House Events, to raise funds for HVAF's important work in helping Hoosier veterans.

Join us at The Tinker House for a casual night of entertainment, tradition, reflection, and fine food and beverage, all in support of local veterans.

Early bird ticket sales end October 26th at 11:30 pm.

Interested in being a sponsor? Contact  
Aaron Carmichael:  
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Buy your tickets at  
Eventbrite.com  
TODAY!

{Search  
"Operation  
Alpha 2018"}



P R E S E N T S

# OPERATION ALPHA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

please join us for food, drinks and merriment honoring our veterans and serving those in need.

at Tinker House Events  
1101 East 16th St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

## HVAF Highlights {September}



Rolls Royce worked on property beautification at several houses



Our volunteer coordinator Audrey attended several college fairs to let students know about volunteer opportunities with HVAF

IUPUI softball team sorted donations as part of the school's volunteer day



IHCA's annual conference highlighted & benefitted HVAF

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## HVAF Needs:

- ~Ready to eat soup
- ~Canned meats
- ~Granola bars
- ~Cereal
- ~Hygiene items
- ~Canned fruit
- ~Ramen noodles
- ~Baggies

Drop off your donations to HVAF Headquarters today!