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Accountable for Our Actions



HOUSING



HUNGER



EDUCATION

ACTION STATS

HUNGER

1.4 million meals served this year to hungry people in need

HOUSING

Housing program more than doubled in 18 months, enabling 1,344 people to transition from homelessness to stability

EDUCATION

GED classes, employment search support, financial literacy and computer training for hundreds of people across the state trying to break the cycle of poverty

Taking Action, Supporting Veterans

When David* came to Action Ministries through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, he was struggling with the disabling symptoms of PTSD and Bipolar Disorder and harboring thoughts of suicide. While David is a veteran who survived both combat and cancer, he didn't think he could survive homelessness with his wife and 5-year-old son.

David moved into a small house in Atlanta, negotiating with the landlord to work on the house in exchange for a reduction in rent. The landlord failed to honor their agreement and began refusing to take David's calls about large holes in the crumbling foundation that were letting in wildlife. Bats infested his son's bedroom, and black mold crept up the walls of the laundry room. As David and his wife struggled to make and pay for the repairs themselves, they fell behind on their rent.

The Action Ministries SSVF program helped David's family relocate to a more suitable house, where their son can grow up safely and where David can start another vegetable garden, which he calls "my therapy." Action Ministries also helped connect David to appropriate transportation so he can get to his doctor's appointments at the VA and receive the help he needs for his mental health issues.

Georgia has the second highest veteran homelessness rate in the nation. In 2010, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reported that 13 percent of impoverished individual veterans became homeless at some point during the year. Many veterans return from their service to our country with brain injuries, mental health issues like PTSD and various barriers to employment. Their support systems may be scattered or under stress, and they often have difficulty navigating the complex bureaucracy of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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**Names have been changed to protect privacy*

"Thank you for being such a blessing, just by being who you are. We are glad to know good-hearted people like you to share life's journey."

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A veteran continues a tradition of service to his community by packing food boxes in our Feed the Hungry warehouse.



From left to right: AMI CEO John Moeller, State Senator Ed Harbison, U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, and HOPE Atlanta Executive Director Edward Powers celebrate at VFW Post 5255 a \$1M grant to assist veterans in need from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



A returning veteran and her son settle into stable housing made possible through support from AMI's SSVF program.

Action Speaks John Moeller, CEO

In a recent study by the Georgia Center for Nonprofits, more than half of metro Atlanta veteran respondents – nearly 58 percent – reported that they experienced homelessness after their departure from the military. With veterans comprising about 8 percent of Georgia's population, we can gather that veteran homelessness is a serious issue in our state. Action Ministries, with our expertise in mobilizing communities to address the challenges of poverty by focusing on hunger relief, housing and education, is in a unique position to make an impact. With 50 years of experience and a vast, statewide network of partners, donors and volunteers, Action Ministries is leading people out of poverty and helping them return to self-sufficiency. Last year, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs recognized our ability to assist homeless and at-risk veterans when it awarded Action Ministries and its grant partner a \$1M grant to do just that. We used this money to do what we do best – lead people out of poverty – and 220 veterans and their families in Georgia were impacted positively.

We value each and every partner in service because the work we do for veterans would not be possible without them.

John R. Moeller, Jr.
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President & CEO

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That's where a smaller agency like Action Ministries, with the ability to provide customized services, comes in, according to Shon Brown, program manager for SSVF at Action Ministries Housing and a veteran herself.

"Oftentimes, financial assistance alone is just a Band-Aid," Brown said. "Many veterans need some form of case management and the more personal touch that a smaller agency like us can provide. We give them the tools to become self-sufficient, not just a check."

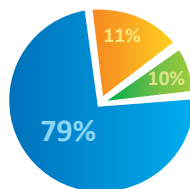
A year ago in November, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs awarded Action Ministries and its grant partner HOPE Atlanta a \$1 million grant to assist homeless and at-risk veteran families. Since then, Action Ministries has served 220 veterans with compassionate, individualized care, helping to stabilize families and return them to self-sufficiency. With this grant and the support of its donors, Action Ministries has the expertise and freedom to come alongside a veteran in the specific places he or she is in need, such as providing hotel vouchers, paying utility bills to prevent eviction, providing food or referrals to Action Ministries' tight network of support resources. Action Ministries has a unique set of tools in its toolbox to help homeless or at-risk veterans overcome barriers to self-sufficiency.

"One of our greatest resources in this program is the vets themselves," Brown said. "Veterans have already sacrificed some part of our lives for our country, so we know what it means to persevere. We are determined to better ourselves and get up on our feet. It's a pride thing."

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 58,213
Investments	9,238
Grant receivables	136,586
Promises to give	58,983
Other Assets	1,283,532



■ Programs 79%
■ Operating Expenses 11%
■ Fundraising Expenses 10%



Action Ministries envisions communities in which the cycle of poverty is broken and all people have the tools needed to reach their full potential.

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