



Veterans Stand Down

Portland Metro Area, 9/11/2015

Kliever Armory, 9:00AM-3:00PM

Mission

The Stand Down is designed to honor and support veterans in our community who may have fallen upon hard times. The annual one-day event helps men and women who have served in the armed forces to access essential health and employment services and connect to the local, state, and federal support systems available to them. As a community-led partnership combining local nonprofits, government officials, corporations, and veterans themselves, the Stand Down offers veterans services, information, and supplies that can help them rebuild their lives.

History

The Portland Metro Area's Stand Down has been taking place for over a decade and Transition Projects has served as the lead organizing agency since 2013. Last year's event attracted more than 325 at risk veterans and their families from the four counties area. In-kind donations valued at over \$18,000 were distributed, including food boxes, suits, haircuts, and showers. In addition, the Department of Defense donated surplus clothes and gear valued at over \$30,000.

Resourcing

Resourcing goals for the 2015 Stand Down include \$6,000 in funding, support from 150 volunteers, and \$20,000 worth of in-kind donations (excluding DOD surplus).

How to Get Involved

We are currently meeting on the last Tuesday of the Month at Transition Projects. Meeting time is 3:00pm and we meet in the board room on the third floor. We are currently seeking assistance with:

- Fundraising and Donations:
 - Please contact Alex Glover (aglover@tprojects.org) or Ray Facundo (rfacundo@pdx.edu)
- Volunteers:
 - Please contact John Parish (john.parish88@gmail.com)
- Employers (who will hire our vets):
 - Please contact Q (Estanislado.quinones@oregon.gov)
- Housing/medical/general resources:
 - Please contact Deanna Dalton (ddalton@impactnw.org)