



## VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

- On any given night an estimated 1,230 Veterans are homeless in Southern Nevada.
  - This is about 13 percent of the approximately 9,417 people who are homeless in Southern Nevada on any given night.
- The number of homeless Veterans in Southern Nevada has decreased more than 8.8 percent since 2011.
  - This is thanks to a various efforts, including the HUD Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program, which combines housing vouchers with case management services.
  - Locally, 1,183 homeless Veterans received housing through the HUD-VASH program since 2008.
- Nationally, Veterans are 12 percent of the homeless population, but only 6.7 percent of the US population.
  - Veterans (whether homeless or not) have higher rates of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), sexual trauma (harassment and/or assault of female members of the military), and traumatic brain injuries than the general population. These issues increase the risk of homelessness.
- Homelessness is devastating for those families and individuals, and significantly impacts all taxpayers as local government budgets pay for the medical care, police and social services that serve the homeless
- To learn more about ways to help homeless Veterans, through donations and/or volunteering, please visit the [www.helphopehome.org](http://www.helphopehome.org) and call the VA's Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRRC) at (702) 791-9077.

*Testimonial: "My name is Stan and I am a 42 year old male Navy Veteran. I had been living on the streets for many years with my 2 dogs. Recently, the VA came out to the homeless camp that I had been living at and told me that I could go to a shelter that night and in 2-3 months I could move into an apartment. I said no, because my dogs would die without me. But the CRRRC and Lorna and Thomas never stopped working with me. They even sat with my dogs outside when I needed to fill out paper work. In 10 days they were able to help me move into an apartment with "Rosie and Keno". And I am now reconnected with VA doctors. I can finally leave my dogs in a safe place while I go to appointments and try again to find work."*