

PRESS RELEASE

Elysian Fields Transformational Community Receives Grant Award from Disabled Veterans National Foundation

Campbell, CA – June 22, 2017 – <u>Elysian Fields Transformational Community</u> is honored to announce it has received a grant from the <u>Disabled Veterans National Foundation</u> (DVNF) for \$25,000, which will fund outreach to hard-to-reach Veterans, extensive case management, and health/wellness activities for improving Veterans' connections with their peers. We are honored to be selected for DVNF funding that will be used to provide fitness activities in the park for Veterans, conduct awareness campaigns around reconnecting homeless Veterans with their families, and working to provide free food and case management for Veterans living in temporary housing situations.

Interim Executive Director, William Wheat of Elysian Fields Transformational Community said, "The work that we are doing is vital to helping eradicate Veterans' homelessness in Santa Clara County, while bridging community services that create stronger partnerships in addressing the whole needs of our Veterans and their families."

Joseph VanFonda (USMC Sgt.Maj. Ret.), CEO of the Disabled Veterans National Foundation said, "[DVNF will add quote from our CEO]."

About the Disabled Veterans National Foundation:

<u>Disabled Veterans National Foundation</u> exists to provide critically needed support to disabled and at-risk Veterans who leave the military wounded—physically or psychologically—after defending our safety and our freedom.

DVNF achieves this mission by:

- Offering direct financial support to Veteran organizations that address the unique needs of Veterans, and whose missions align with that of DVNF.
- Providing supplemental assistance to homeless and low-income Veterans through the <u>Health</u>
 <u>& Comfort program</u> and various empowerment resources.

- Providing an online resource database that allows Veterans to navigate the complex process of seeking benefits that they are entitled to as a result of their military service, as well as additional resources they need.
- Serving as a thought leader on critical policy issues within the Veteran community, and educating the public accordingly.

Elysian Fields Transformational Community is a 501 C 3 non-profit organization dedicated to meeting hard-to-reach Veteran populations in Santa Clara County.

Our mission is to establish a self-contained community where Veterans can re-build their lives, while receiving access to needed services. Elysian Fields Transformational Community (EFTC) is committed to re-connecting Veterans with the community in a healthy, elevating, and tangible way through mental health, outreach and follow-up services.

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