



**Access Housing Inc. (DC) – SE Veterans Service Center**

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**Helping Homeless Veterans Successfully Return to Civilian Life Since 1985**

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Greetings everyone,

The purpose of this correspondence is to make you aware that because of the COVID-19 (Delta-Variant), and its' devastating impact, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) 2021 Winter Haven/Stand Down plans have changed. The VAMC will be doing a Winterhaven 'Lite' again this year, and the date has changed to Saturday, November 6, 2021. Winterhaven Lite is when the VAMC will deliver the items to the Veterans. Items will be taken to the transitional housing programs, the shelters, and hotels that Veteran are temporarily housed. Items will also be delivered to Veterans who may be on the street and in HUD/VASH programs. The VAMC is planning to begin the delivering of items on Saturday, November 6, 2021, and deliver during the month of November.

In advance of this annual event, beginning Monday, September 6, 2021 through Friday, November 5, 2021, Accessing Housing, Inc. (Southeast Veterans Service Center) will partner with National Football League - Retired Players Association (NFL-RPA) Washington, DC Chapter, Technology, Inc. (of Fairfax, VA.), the Washington, DC VAMC, and other local and federal partners, to 'Kick Off' the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Walk In Their Foot Steps' new boots and shoes collection for homeless female and male veterans in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and its devastation across this nation, the need for assistance to our homeless female and male veterans, and their families has increased exponentially. This partnership will go a long way to assist those homeless veterans, veterans at-risk of homelessness, and veterans transitioning from homelessness to stable housing.

**Please note, that we will not accept cash donations. Only 'In-Kind' donations will be accepted however, your 'In-Kind' donation of new boots and shoes is considered a taxable donation (501C3) for which a donation receipt can be provided, if requested.**

Because of the devastating impact of COVID-19 the drop-off location for the new boots/shoes is:

1. Southeast Veterans Service Center  
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Walter Elmore at: [Welmore@accesshousingincdc.com](mailto:Welmore@accesshousingincdc.com)