



# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (“VILLAGES”)

Operation Homefront’s Transitional Housing (“Villages”) provides rent-free, two and three bedroom apartments to wounded, ill, and injured warriors and their families as they leave the military.

The Villages are designed to enable families to heal together, while bridging what can be a lengthy gap between military pay ending and veteran benefits beginning, or when veterans’ disability claims are reviewed and received.

Our Villages relieve the financial stress and provide a comprehensive package of individualized family support and financial planning services. Each participating family is provided with:

- Rent-free, utility-free, fully furnished apartment
- Case management and customized transition plans
- One-on-one financial counseling
- Assistance with medical referrals
- Employment coaching and educational guidance
- Support network

Families experience a supportive environment among understanding peers, and most make impressive financial progress during their stay, leaving the Village debt-free, or nearly so, with an emergency savings plan in place.



Army veteran Eduardo Negron proudly moved his family into the new home they bought in the San Antonio area in November 2018. Their achievement would not have been possible if not for Operation Homefront’s Transitional Housing Village, where they lived rent-free for 6½ months while saving money for a down payment and strengthening their credit to qualify for a mortgage.

By the time the Negron family moved out of Operation Homefront’s San Antonio Village they had increased their savings from \$6,000 to \$14,000 and reduced their debt from \$30,000 to \$15,000.

Eduardo, his wife, Yemikaris, and their daughter, Elara, 7, moved into the Village in May 2018 while Eduardo, an E-4 specialist, was still on active duty, but going through the Army’s medical discharge process. That process ended in November 2018, but his Veterans Affairs compensation was not scheduled to begin until the following month.

Eduardo returned to school in January 2019, studying cybersecurity and information technology.

At the Villages, residents benefit from support group meetings to help them become self-sufficient and integrate into civilian life. Their stay gives them time to learn and practice financial skills. It also provides them with a network to lean on because some veterans do not have a support system.

The Villages and the resources they offer are important, Eduardo said, because many veterans face the same challenge he did – not knowing where to turn after their expected military career is cut short. “The Transitional Housing Program gave me peace so we could figure out next steps.”

## AT A GLANCE...

Operation Homefront Village capacity	3 Villages, 30 apartments
Who is eligible	Wounded, ill, and injured veterans and their families as they transition out of the military
Locations	Gaithersburg, MD; San Diego, CA; San Antonio, TX
People served in 2018	55 service members, 200 family members
Average length of stay	8–18 months

### Results



Number of months of rent-free housing provided in 2018



Number of months of rent-free housing provided since program inception

Total value of defrayed rental and utility costs: \$458,724 in 2018 | nearly \$5.3M since 2008

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT

With the support of the **A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation, The Home Depot Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation, Veterans United Foundation, DAV Charitable Service Trust, Motorola Solutions Foundation,** and other donors and partners, Operation Homefront continues to provide transitional housing and comprehensive support services to wounded warriors and their families. The need continues. Find out how you can help us serve more at [OperationHomefront.org](http://OperationHomefront.org).

## WHO WE ARE

Operation Homefront builds strong, stable, and secure military families so they can thrive in the communities they have worked so hard to protect.

- Platinum Level
- “A-” Rated Charity
- Top Rated
- Meets all 20 Accountability Standards

