



Swords to Plowshares has pioneered the most coordinated model of care for homeless and low-income veterans in the country. Our residential programs and wrap-around care provide homeless veterans with the **stability** and support they need to rebuild their lives.

Since **1988**, Swords to Plowshares has successfully housed and treated thousands of homeless veterans. Today the organization is recognized as a **national model** and its supportive housing programs have grown to serve nearly 200 once-homeless **veterans** at any given time.

OUR MISSION

War causes wounds and suffering that last beyond the battlefield. Swords to Plowshares' mission is to heal the wounds, to restore dignity, hope, and self-sufficiency to all veterans in need, and to significantly reduce homelessness and poverty among veterans.

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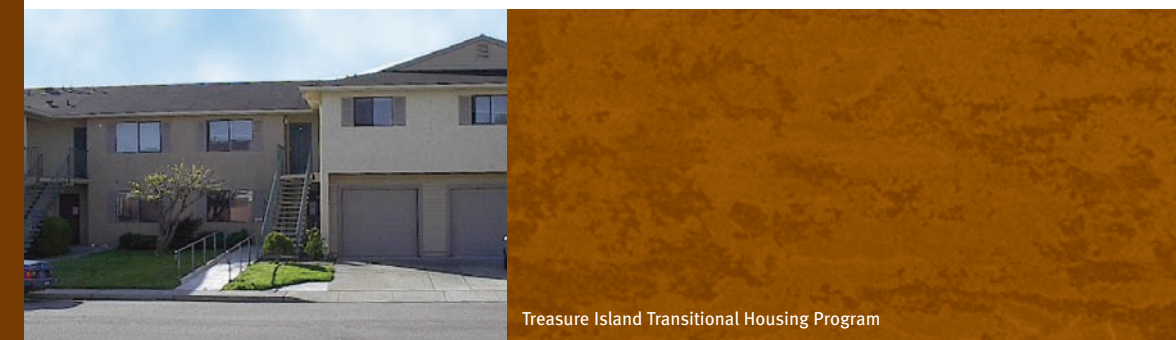
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HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL CARE

Supportive Options for Homeless Veterans



Veterans Commons Permanent Supportive Housing



Treasure Island Transitional Housing Program



Veterans Academy Permanent Supportive Housing

“The staff at Swords was there when everyone else turned their backs.”

—Mary Rivera/Transitional Housing Program Client
(U.S. Navy, 1979–1988)



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Transitional Housing

Treasure Island Transitional Housing Program is located on a formal Naval base, Treasure Island, an area of San Francisco with beautiful views of the San Francisco Bay. The location allows for a peaceful lifestyle, therapeutic to veterans who are trying to stabilize their lives, focus on their mental health and maintain sobriety.

- The program offers up to two years of supportive housing in a sober environment.
- Swords has as many as 70 homeless veterans in the program at any given time.
- The program offers specialized programming for the following veteran populations:
 - Chronically mentally ill and veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder
 - Chronically homeless
 - Frail and elderly
 - Women
 - Iraq and Afghanistan-era

DeMontfort Street Transitional Housing Program

is a unique housing program located in a quiet residential neighborhood within two large, safe and comfortable homes.

- The program provides a supportive living milieu for 20 veterans at any given time and offers specialized stabilization programming for veterans being discharged from inpatient psychiatric facilities.

“For me the main thing about Swords is that no matter what I’m going through I know it is a safe environment. This program gives me access to the Presidio, a beautiful location. A lot of people don’t get that chance.”

—Diane Williamson with VA Secretary Shinseki/
Veterans Academy Resident (U.S. Army 1976–1979)



Permanent Supportive Housing

The Veterans Academy, located on the former Army post in San Francisco’s beautiful Presidio, offers permanent supportive housing to 102 formerly homeless veterans with disabilities. The Academy addresses the needs of the chronically homeless by providing:

- Safe and secure housing with onsite supportive services
- An environment designed to promote community and healthy lifestyles
- Educational and training programs, as well as volunteer programs
- Autonomous living coupled with a harm-reduction model of engagement

Swords acquired a new building, **Veterans Commons**, through the Surplus Property Program of San Francisco to develop a new housing facility for homeless senior veterans. Swords anticipates opening the new facility in 2012 which will house 76 veterans in studio apartments. The apartments will be 100% adaptable, allowing these men and women to age with dignity and comfort.

- The residents will be chronically homeless veterans over 55, mostly of the Vietnam-era.
- The on-site supportive services will be comprehensive, and will include:
 - Mental health and substance abuse counseling
 - Geriatric healthcare
 - A variety of social and recreational activities

Other Programs and Services

Swords to Plowshares is the only veterans service agency in the United States that provides a full continuum of care. In addition to supportive housing programs, we help veterans in the following areas:

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

The frontline drop-in center provides emergency shelter, mental health services and referrals to homeless veterans.

BENEFITS ADVOCACY

Many of our country’s veterans never apply for, or receive the benefits they deserve. Swords to Plowshares is one of the few organizations in the country that provides free attorney representation, case management and advocacy to veterans seeking benefits.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Swords to Plowshares helps veterans make the transition to gainful employment by offering vocational counseling, job training, resume preparation and job referrals.

THE IRAQ VETERAN PROJECT

Launched in 2005 to make sure systems of care are appropriate, sufficient and accessible to meet the needs of veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the needs of their families as well.

“Being out in the world—it’s different. Being around other vets, they understand what I’m going through. I finally felt like I could take care of things when I got here.”

—Jonathon Lee / Treasure Island Transitional Housing Program Client (U.S. Army, 2001–2005)

If you or someone you know is a homeless veteran in need of permanent or transitional housing, Swords to Plowshares provides unique and outstanding housing options and supportive services. Call (415) 252-4788 for more information or visit us online at www.swords-to-plowshares.org