

**GROUND SUPPORT FOR  
VETERANS**

## VETS Canada Today

Originating as a grassroots movement in 2011, today VETS Canada has a network of dedicated volunteers across the country, most of who are ex-military/RCMP and continues to grow.

VETS Canada has a national Board of Directors composed of volunteers and is currently establishing Provincial Teams in every province. All positions are unfunded volunteer positions with approx. 90% of all donations being spent in direct support of homeless and at risk veterans.

## Our Vision

As VETS Canada continues to grow, our goal is that VETS Canada be recognized throughout Canada for its expertise in seeking out and providing initial response to homeless and at-risk veterans. With Chapters and Ground Support Teams in every province, we will seek out and provide initial aid and comfort to homeless and at-risk vets. Dedicated and trained volunteers will have an excellent understanding of the support that government and other organizations can provide and will have cultivated effective working relationships with these groups that allow them to assist vets within their respective mandates.

## We Work the Street, Not the Hill

Our aim is to aid transient veterans directly, not to engage in political advocacy. As such, we ask that all our volunteers ascribe to a code of conduct that details how they should comport themselves when acting on our behalf. As an organization we recognize that there are a number of issues that affect veterans on the political stage, but we were not created to address them.

VETS exists to bring comradeship, as well as tangible physical and financial support, to veterans in need. To do this we need the cooperation of a number of government agencies and organizations. For that reason we restrict our involvement in the political arena. We are friends to all who offer any support to veterans and we aim to fill the gaps that exist.

*Helping vets get the help they need because...  
The men and women who protected our  
home should never be without one.*



**VETERANS  
EMERGENCY  
TRANSITION  
SERVICES  
CANADA**

[WWW.VETSCANADA.ORG](http://WWW.VETSCANADA.ORG)

## WHO WE ARE

VETS Canada is a federally registered not-for-profit organization centrally based in Halifax. We are working our way across Canada and need your help.

## OUR PURPOSE

We provide aid and comfort to Canadian veterans of the CF and RCMP at risk by:

*Working within the community to identify homeless veterans and quickly re-establish the bond of trust that exists between soldiers*

*Attempting to move veterans from the streets or shelters into affordable housing*

*Connecting the veterans with needed health care, and helping them access the benefits and services from other organizations*

*Supporting them in finding suitable employment.*

Volunteers stick with the veterans every step of the way and do everything possible to help them re-establish themselves.

## THE RECOVERY CYCLE

At VETS Canada we use a recovery cycle to provide assistance to veterans in need. We use a four step cycle to provide the necessary aid to help veterans transition back into society.

### Find

*We must find the veterans who need our help. We must seek them out, make ourselves accessible to them, and ensure we stay in contact with them.*

### Partner

*Every veteran who needs our assistance will be partnered with a suitable sponsor. For instance if a veteran needs help with Veterans Affairs, the partner would be a member who has gone through the process.*

### Aid

*There are two levels of aid: emergency and assistive. Emergency aid addresses the three basic human needs of shelter, food and clothing. Assistive is related to guidance and sponsorship for veterans when applying for claims and/or social support systems for which they are eligible.*

### Transition

*All of the previous steps aim for this one. We want to help our veterans acclimate with society, and become self-sufficient. It is our hope that they will then join us in our quest to aid other veterans. After all, the best person to help a veteran in crisis is one who has been there before.*

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Follow our website (<http://www.vetscanada.org>) and like our Facebook page.
2. Tell your friends and family about VETS Canada and the plight of some veterans in Canada today.
3. Help identify veterans at risk and direct them to VETS Canada.
4. Use the free VETS Canada App to report homeless vets ([link](#)).
5. Volunteer to help in Provincial Teams or on our ground support teams.
6. Fundraise on our behalf or donate to VETS Canada. Donations may be made via paypal or mailed to VETS Canada

### How to Contact Us

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