

**V.E.T.S.
VETERANS EMERGENCY TEMPORARY SHELTER**

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR HOMELESS V.E.T.S. PROJECT. I HAVE ENCLOSED A CONCEPT SHEET FOR YOU TO LOOK AT.

DUE TO THE DELAY TIME (2-14 DAYS) IN THE SYSTEMS PROCESSING, HOMELESS VETERANS CONTINUE TO BE FOUND UNDER BRIDGES, IN CARS, GARAGES OR BY RAILROAD TRACKS. AS YOU MAY KNOW APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AGO A BROTHER WAS FOUND FROZEN IN HIS SLEEPING BAG... WITH A VOUCHER IN HIS POCKET WAITING FOR PROCESSING TO A SHELTER.

IN MY CAPACITY AS SERVICE OFFICER, I HAVE GONE TO MANY MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE DEALING WITH THIS SAD ISSUE. THE SAME STATEMENT KEPT COMING UP... "THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO UNTIL EACH PERSON IS PROCESSED!" THIS WAS VERY UNSETTLING TO ME AS I BELIEVE THERE IS A SOLUTION TO ANY PROBLEM... SOMETIMES YOU JUST HAVE TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

IN TROUBLE SHOOTING THE V.E.T.S. PROJECT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED INCLUDE: COST, SIZE, IDENTIFYING THE BASIC NEEDS (SAFE, WARM, COMFORT AND ABILITY TO PREPARE A MEAL), MOBILITY, ELECTRIC HOOK-UP. IN COMPLETING THE PROTOTYPE, I HAVE IDENTIFIED THAT A SMALL CARGO TRAILER CAN BE TORN DOWN AND REFITTED WITH THE NECESSARY INSULATION, ELECTRIC WIRING AND PROPANE HOOK-UP. FURTHER REWORKING USING F.R.P. PANELS, LED

LIGHTS AND OUTLETS, BASIC CARPENTRY SKILLS AND ADDING WINDOWS HAS PRODUCED A VIABLE MOBILE SHELTER THAT CAN BE USED TO TEMPORARILY SHELTER A VETERAN FOR THE TIME PERIOD NECESSARY, WHILE MORE PERMANENT HOUSING IS IN THE WORKS.



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Date:
10/24/2020
Employer ID number:
85-2673246
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
June 30
Public charity status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
August 4, 2020
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053644001780

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

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Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements