**TO ALL EX-CADETS – A Chance to support Homeless Veterans**

 **Good news story during the pandemic**

“Homes 4 Heroes” (H4H) is a project to provide transitional housing for homeless Veterans.

Website: [**www.H4HF.ca**](http://www.H4HF.ca)

Ex-Cadets can and should be involved because:

--  Officers, for centuries, have had a moral obligation to support their troops;

--  In today’s world there are few opportunities for cadets to see this ethos at work;

 --  RMCC would benefit from positive publicity.

**HERE’S THE STORY:**

**SMALL HOUSES FOR HOMELESS VETS:**

Veterans Affairs Canada says there are approximately 5,000 homeless vets in Canada.

There is now a national volunteer effort to create small “villages” of

(‘tiny’) houses for homeless veterans. Villages comprise 15 to 25 houses, each

about 300 sq ft, usually built in a circle. Each house, fully equipped, costs approximately $125K.

Once housed, Veterans’ energies can move from survival to addressing mental issues, addictions, finances, etc to enable them to “graduate” to independent living, usually within one to three years.

The first Village, opened in Calgary for veterans in need in late 2019.

Already, several ‘graduates’ are acting as mentors for current residents.

*A Village will be* *built in Kingston and completed in 2022*.

The site, worth $1.1 million donated by the Ontario Govt., is on waterfront land just southwest of the Queen’s campus, facing RMC. Suitable sites in cities across Canada are being sought and acquired.

 **WHO’S DOING ALL THIS?**

The driving force behind H4H was a civilian, David Howard, who wanted to support our Veterans after seeing his grandfather’s battle with PTSD.

Some well-known ex cadets are actively engaged, including 16294 Stephen Lacroix, is Honorary Chair of H4H; 9660 Cameron Diggon, ex-President of RMCCF, is Director of Fund Development; 10572 Mark Hutchings, leader of the Hill-70 Project, is Chair of the Kingston project, 18562 Simon Bernard, ex-Commandant of CMR, is seeking project engagement for the province of Quebec; and 9413 Cam Ross, is seeking project engagement in BC. RMC Club President, 10973 John McManus, has been a strong supporter of this project. Translation of this document was done by 5642 Yvan Champoux, with support by 5629 Jacques Duval.

              Veterans Affairs Canada is funding an onsite counsellor for each Village.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

Many of us ex-cadets are getting older. If we want to give back something to our

country before we’re gone, now is a good time.

**O** **A SIXTY DAY APPEAL** -- Funds raised will be released to H4HF and dedicated to the Kingston Veterans’ Village, providing an Ex Cadet focus and profile that individual donations to the gradual rollout of Villages in other cities can’t achieve.

**O DONATIONS COLLECTED BY H4H FOUNDATION**:

The H4H Foundation will segregate donations by Class, issue tax receipts and hold contributions until the Kingston construction as of Spring 2022. Updates will appear in

e-Veritas.

All,

A couple of tweaks from Friday’s message.

The key one is that the person to call for Credit card donations has changed.

It is now Dana at 587-917-9626 Dana@h4HF.ca .

She is available Monday to Friday (except stat holidays)

0900 -1700 MDT.

Dennis

**O WAYS TO DONATE – *IDENTIFY YOUR CLASS*:**

1. **Credit Card on line direct or via *Canada Helps* to the H4H Foundation .**

**Website:** [**www.H4HF.ca**](http://www.H4HF.ca)

 **B. Credit card. Phone: 587 917-9626 and speak to: Dana Liu** (dana@H4HF.ca)

 **C. Donation of securities. Phone: 587 917-9626 and speak to: Dana Liu**

**D. By cheque to H4HF, #900, 2424 – 4th Street S.W., Calgary, AB, T2S 2T4**

 **(Dana’s contact is weekdays, 0900 – 1700 MDT)**

 **O RECOGNITION --** Classes that raise a third ($42K) or more of the cost of one Tiny

home will be identified with a plaque on a home. Those who raise less than a third will be grouped together and recognized with one or more plaques that identify

“Ex-Cadets of RMC or RMCC.”

 **O BACKGROUND**

-- <https://homesforheroesfoundation.ca/>

I have heard universal support from ex-cadets with whom I have spoken so far.

We look forward to Ex-Cadet support continuing to represent the best of TDV.

TDV & Best Regards,

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On behalf of H4H