



## SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

**United Way of Roanoke Valley supports strategies that help individuals and families, including veterans, change their lives and improve the Roanoke Valley. Our Education, Financial Stability, and Health strategies provide support to many of our local veterans. Below are some examples of how our work meets with these needs.**

### **Our Solutions**

- **Homelessness:** Your United Way is a driving force in our community's response to homelessness. From June 2016-June 2017, 241 veterans were successfully housed because of strong community collaborations around this issue. UWRV also provides housing support to homeless veterans who have not yet transitioned into permanent housing.
- **Basic needs:** Your United Way provides support for people in crisis, including our veterans. UWRV partners with local organizations to provide food, rent/utility assistance, legal assistance, and home repair for veterans and others in our community.
- **Job training and employment services:** Your United Way supports many programs that help veterans and others community members find and sustain employment, including industry-specific credentials to help veterans find good-paying jobs. We also have programs that work with high-need veterans to find employment, including those with criminal records and homeless veterans.
- **Mental health and substance abuse:** Your United Way and our health initiative, Healthy Roanoke Valley, are actively addressing mental health and substance abuse issues in our community. The Veterans Administration Hospital has been a major partner in this work, bringing Mental Health First Aid training to health providers and improving the coordination of care and the integration of primary care and behavioral health to the rest of our community.

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- **Health:** Your United Way has a strong relationship with the VA Hospital. Members of the VA Hospital staff serve as key advisors to our Mental Health & Substance Abuse team and our Care Coordination team. We also partner with local programs to provide preventative and intervention programs veterans and their families. Some of these programs include adult day care services, dental care, and domestic violence services.
- **Education:** Through community programs provided by UWRV, local veterans and their families have the opportunity to introduce their children to high-quality early learning experiences, and wrap-around services for school-aged children. These services increase a family's ability to ensure their child's success from cradle to career.

**Give to United Way today to serve veterans right here in the Roanoke Valley.**

