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# PSMCONNECT

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**She is a veteran, too!**  
**(Spiritual Works of Mercy: Bearing Wrongs Patiently)**

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People of Faith.  
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We honor our veterans  
who gave their best when they were called upon to serve  
their country.

We pray that You bless them for their unselfish service  
in the continual struggle to preserve  
our freedoms,  
our safety,  
and our country's heritage for the sake of all.

Bless them with peace for the hardships they faced,  
for the sacrifices they made, for their many contributions  
for America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

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We respect them.

We thank them.

We honor them.

We salute their efforts.

We are proud of them.

We pray that You will watch over

these heroic women

and pray that may they always

know that they are appreciated for the valor.

Amen.





# WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM



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# The Need

**Texas** has the second largest women veteran population

**Women** are fastest growing segment of veterans

More than **2X** likely to experience homelessness than non-veteran women



**13-15%** of women veterans living in poverty will experience homelessness.



# Challenges

- MST (Military Sexual Trauma)
- PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)
- Domestic violence
- Mental health issues



# Women Veterans Program

Catholic Charities Women Veterans Program provides a full range of services that support women veterans in their journey to self-sufficiency. Women veterans are faced with unique challenges and our program provides the guidance and empowerment to help them move forward.



Housing Assistance



Case Management



Financial Assistance



Career Coaching



Financial Coaching



Mental Health



Groups



Life Skills



Aftercare



# History

**2012** Program begins; connections to housing and support services

**2015** The Villa shelter opens at Guadalupe Center

**2016** Expansion to Fort Bend and Galveston

**2020** Comprehensive services in three counties to empower women veterans





# Pathways to Hope

Pathways to Hope provides women veterans and their dependents short-term financial assistance, financial planning, case management, aftercare services, and other supportive services.

## Eligibility

- Woman Veterans residing in Harris, Galveston, or Fort Bend Counties
- Experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness

## Services



Housing Assistance



Financial Assistance



Case Management



Groups & Life Skills



Financial Planning



Aftercare



# Mental Health

Mental Health services are provided by licensed mental health professionals who have had training in evidence-based treatments designed for veterans and their families. Services are patient centered, effective, accessible, equitable, and efficient.

## Eligibility

- Veteran
- Veterans Dependent (spouse, child, surviving dependents)

## Services



Individual Counseling



Psychoeducation



Family Counseling



Groups



Telehealth



# Career Coaching

Career Coaching services help women veterans identify strengths and weaknesses, develop realistic career goals, builds their self-confidence, creates employment opportunities and provides financial education that leads to their personal economic growth.

## Eligibility

- Woman Veteran



Career Coaching



Financial Planning



Career Essentials



Life Skills & Coaching



# Villa Guadalupe Emergency Shelter

The Villa Guadalupe Emergency Shelter provides emergency housing to women and women with children experiencing homelessness.

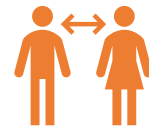
## Eligibility

- Woman (single or with children)
- Over 18 years of age

## Services



Case Management



Housing Assessments



Emergency Shelter



Daily Meals



Basic Needs



Housing Search & Placement



# Crime Victims Program

The Crime Victims Program provides compassionate and caring services to victims of crimes. The Crime Victims Program has three important components: Basic Needs, Counseling Services, & Legal Services. The Women Veterans Program provides the Basic Needs services.

## Eligibility

- Victim of crime
- Police Report

## Services



Case Management



Information and Referral



Transportation



Emergency Clothing



Emergency Grocery Assistance



Emergency Hotel Assistance



# Get connected

## Women Veterans Program



Intake Line 713-351-6915



Online [Intake Form](#)





## **WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM**

**On behalf  
of our clients...**

**Thank you!**



## Closing Prayer (St. Joan of Arc)

In the face of your enemies,  
in the face of harassment, ridicule, and doubt,  
you held firm in your faith.

Even in your abandonment,  
alone and without friends,  
you held firm in your faith.

Even as you faced your own mortality,  
you held firm in your faith.

I pray that I may be as bold in my beliefs as you, St. Joan.

I ask that you ride alongside me in my own battles.

Help me be mindful that what is worthwhile  
can be won when I persist.

Help me hold firm in my faith.

Help me believe in my ability to act well and wisely. Amen.





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