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Veterans Inc. to Hold 18th Annual Stand Down

Event to support homeless & in-need Veterans and their families

Friday, June 23rd

WORCESTER, MA – Veterans Inc., in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, and other local agencies, is pleased to announce the 18th Annual Veterans Inc. Stand Down that will be held on Friday, June 23rd. The event will occur at Veterans Inc.'s Worcester Headquarters on 69 Grove Street from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thousands of Veterans and their families have received assistance at Veterans Inc. Stand Downs since the event's inception in 2006. Over 40 vendors and over 40 employers will be on-site to provide free goods and services and share information on employment opportunities, all to improve the lives of veterans and their families. Among the vendors in attendance will be health and wellness providers, educational institutions, and legal and financial help. Free items and services available to veterans at Stand Down include clothing, food and refreshments, haircuts, personal care items, and more. Additionally, there is a women's area and free lunch for veterans, and more!

Shabby Gourmet Juices and Mrs. Moriconi's Ice cream food truck will be onsite, along with All Purpose Bakery Inc. and Yummy Tummy, on June 23rd. Multiple hairdressers and barbers from Super Cuts will provide FREE haircuts to all Veterans and their families.

The Stand Down is open to homeless and in-need veterans and their families. All services and items are provided free of charge. Veterans should bring a DD-214 or VA card as proof of veteran status.

Thank you to our sponsors of this year's event: The TJX Companies, The Department of Labor, Spectrum, National Grid, CYR Electrical, Pathways for Change Inc., and Sunrise Detox, in addition to the many service providers who will be on-site during the event to provide goods and services to veterans. The organization is still seeking sponsorships for the event.

For more information, veterans may contact Veterans Inc. at 1-800-482-2565 or via e-mail at StandDown@veteransinc.org. For Stand Down Sponsor Opportunities, visit www.veteransinc.org

"Stand Down" is a term that originated during the Vietnam War, used to describe the practice of removing combat troops from the field and taking care of their basic needs in a safe area. According to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, the Stand Down was "a safe retreat for units returning from combat operations" where troops had access to clean uniforms, warm meals, medical and dental care, mail, and camaraderie, all in a safe environment.

About Veterans Inc.

Veterans Inc. is New England's leading provider of support services to veterans and their families. A 501(c)3 non-profit, the organization's single-minded mission is to be there for our veterans in their time of need. Incorporated in 1990, Veterans Inc. has helped more than 90,000 veterans in need and today operates offices and programs in all six New England states. Our services include housing, employment & training, counseling, an alcohol and drug treatment center, family support programs, benefits counseling and advocacy, temporary financial assistance, health and wellness, food services, post-9/11 support, and women & childcare services. They were there when we needed them...We must be there now that they need us.

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