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National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Awards Veterans Inc.

Veterans Inc. Executive Director Denis Leary receives the 2023 Partnership Award.

Worcester, MA - With over 850 people in attendance, Veterans Inc. is honored to share that our very own Executive Director, Denis Leary, and Spectrum Health Systems, Inc. received the 2023 Partnership Award from The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans during their Annual NCHV Conference held on June 1st at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. The Partnership Award is presented to an organization or individual whose work building effective partnerships exemplifies creativity and collaboration.

"It's a tremendous honor to receive the Partnership Award," said Leary, "But this award really goes to all the staff of Veterans Inc. and our community comrades, who work tirelessly to provide our veterans with all the care and compassion that they so clearly deserve."

The theme for this year's conference was *Building a Better Future*, and the concept of "partnership" was at the forefront of everyone's minds, given that no one person, program, or place can solve all of the complexities facing veterans and their families struggling to get by. So, it was fitting that the National Coalition selected our Executive Director, Denis Leary, as the Partnership Award recipient, given that he typifies the concept of "working together".

"We're tremendously proud of our partnership with fellow Worcester-based nonprofit, Veterans Inc., as the veteran community has one of the greatest needs for behavioral health services," said Dr. Jeffrey Baxter, chief medical officer at Spectrum Health Systems. "We're honored by this award and its recognition of our partnership and commitment to providing a full continuum of specialized services for all in need of treatment across the state and New England beyond."

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.

About National Coalition for Homeless Veterans The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) is the leading authority on homeless veterans' issues and the only national organization solely focused on ending veteran homelessness.



(L-R) Denis Leary Veterans Inc. Executive Director; Kristen Nolan Spectrum Chief Behavioral Health Officer; and Jeffrey Baxter, M.D. Spectrum Chief Medical Officer;

We work to achieve our mission by promoting collaboration, shaping policy, building service capacity, ensuring accountability, and managing a referral helpline for veterans experiencing and at-risk of homelessness. <https://nchv.org/>

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