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VETERANS INC. TO HOST ANNUAL HOLIDAY HARVEST Event to Provide Thanksgiving Meal Supplies to 650 Veteran Families

Worcester, MA. – Veterans Inc. is pleased to announce that the Annual Holiday Harvest event will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2023, at 69 Grove St. in Worcester, MA, from 10 am - 2 pm. The Holiday Harvest provides Thanksgiving meal supplies to over 650 Veteran families including turkeys, trimmings, stuffing, and fresh produce.

The event is open to all current and former Armed Service Members or their surviving spouses who need food for their household. All pre-registered participants will be provided early access and entered for a chance to win a \$100 Gift Card. You can pre-register online at weteransinc.org/events/holiday-harvest/. Please bring proof of military status, DD-214, or VA card.

The Holiday Harvest event is not only about providing Thanksgiving dinner ingredients; it is our duty to create an enjoyable and memorable experience for Veterans and their families. Veterans Inc. is transforming the event into a farmer's market-inspired experience this year. Participants can go around the various food stations with shopping carts and collect all the necessary ingredients to fix a delicious Thanksgiving meal for their families. Stations will include a variety of fresh vegetables, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, Table Talk Pies, and, of course, a turkey tent station. Participants will feel the warmth of a supportive community during this event, kicking off the Thanksgiving season.

"The Veterans Inc. Holiday Harvest has become an annual tradition, without which many Veterans and their families would not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal," stated Vincent J. Perrone, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF (Retired), Veterans Inc. President and CEO. "Ensuring Veterans and their families are fed is a year-round commitment for Veterans Inc.".

Veterans Inc. operates according to the philosophy that Veterans have earned the respect and gratitude of our nation. In return, Veterans Inc. shall provide them with whatever services are needed. *They were there when we needed them... We must be there now that they need us.*

Veterans Inc. is now accepting Thanksgiving food donations at our 69 Grove St., Worcester, MA headquarters to include frozen turkeys, canned vegetables (corn, carrots, green beans), gravy, cream of mushroom soup, French's crispy onions, stuffing, gift cards to purchase fresh produce. Anyone interested in sponsoring a meal for a Veteran family or other Holiday Harvest Sponsorship or Volunteer Opportunities, visit <u>veteransinc.org/events/holiday-harvest/</u>.

This year's sponsors include TJX, Walmart, Raytheon, Chase Business, Fallon Health, TD Bank, Sysco, Hanscom Federal Credit Union, Santander, Reliant, Blue Hive Exhibits, Table Talk Pies, and Boston 25.

If you are a current or former Armed Services member looking for support, contact Veterans Inc. at 1-800-482-2565 or email HolidayHarvest@veteransinc.org.

About Veterans Inc.

Veterans Inc. is the nation's leading non-profit veteran services provider. A 501(c)3 non-profit, the organization's single-minded mission is to be there for veterans and their families in their time of need. Programming locations are located throughout New England, Montana, and North Dakota. The service area expands across the U.S. with a toll-free service center connecting callers to appropriate resources. Services provided include housing, homelessness prevention, employment and training, counseling and case management, family support programs, benefits/healthcare coordination, suicide prevention, temporary financial assistance, food services, substance use disorder treatment and recovery support, and women and children services.