

Dear Community Partner,

Axess Family Services (AFS) has proudly served veterans and their families since World War II. Incorporated in 1941, the agency began developing programming in 1945 to support veterans who were struggling to meet basic needs upon returning home. Serving those who served our country remains a foundational part of our mission and continues to guide our work today.

The Samuel L. Felton, Jr. & Daniel P. Gillotti Valor Home is a vital program of Axess Family Services, providing transitional and permanent supportive housing to veterans experiencing homelessness in Lorain County. As the only veteran-specific shelter in the county, Valor Home offers 24/7 housing and structured, therapeutic programming designed to help veterans regain stability and independence. The program supports veterans at different stages of their journey, with a mission centered on helping individuals achieve greater self-sufficiency and long-term housing stability.

The need for these services remains significant. Veterans continue to face unique challenges that increase their risk of homelessness, including physical and mental health conditions, barriers to employment, and limited access to affordable housing. In Lorain County, this need is especially pronounced among aging and disabled veterans, as well as the growing population of female veterans seeking safe and appropriate housing options.

To ensure these critical services remain available, Valor Home relies on the support of community partners, businesses, and individuals who share our commitment to ending veteran homelessness. Contributions help sustain daily operations, maintain a safe and welcoming facility, and provide the programs and services veterans need to rebuild their lives. One meaningful way to support this mission is through a Flagpole Sponsorship, which directly supports the ongoing operation of Valor Home and the veterans who call it home.

We invite you to review the enclosed information and sponsorship opportunities and consider how you can support Valor Home Lorain and the veterans we are honored to serve. Together, we can help sustain this vital resource and continue working toward a future where no veteran experiences homelessness.

For more information, please contact Matthew Slater, Director of Development, at 330.687.8136 or mslater@axessfamily.org; or Alan McKinney, Program Manager at Valor Home Lorain, at 440.387.4293 or amckinney@axessfamily.org.

Sincerely,



Matthew Slater
Director of Development
Axess Family Services

Community Need

Veterans in Lorain County continue to face significant barriers to stable housing, particularly older adults, individuals living with disabilities, and female veterans. As the only veteran-specific shelter in Lorain County, Valor Home Lorain provides a critical safety net for veterans experiencing homelessness and those at risk of losing their housing.



10,000+

**Veterans over the age of
65 in Lorain County**



100+ Veterans

**served by Valor Home Lorain
each year**



34%

**of senior veterans living
with a disability**

To meet this ongoing need, Valor Home provides 24/7 shelter, supportive services, and permanent housing opportunities that help veterans regain stability and work toward long-term independence. Maintaining these services requires ongoing investment in facility operations, maintenance, utilities, programming, and resident support.

Through a Flagpole Sponsorship, you can help ensure that Valor Home remains a safe, welcoming, and reliable resource for veterans in our community.



**Together, we can combat veteran homelessness and deliver
the support our brave servicemen and women deserve.**

Our Services

A Home Away from Home

At Valor Home Lorain, veterans are provided with a safe and supportive environment designed to help them regain stability and independence. The facility includes 30 private, furnished bedrooms along with shared spaces such as bathrooms, a kitchen, dining room, lounge, and computer lab. As the only veteran-specific shelter in Lorain County, Valor Home Lorain serves any veteran experiencing homelessness. Through planned improvements and continued expansion, the facility is working toward creating additional bedroom and bathroom units to better serve aging and disabled veterans with accessibility needs.

Support Plan

Veterans residing at Valor Home Lorain work closely with dedicated case managers to develop individualized 12-week support plans focused on achieving residential stability and long-term independence. These plans are tailored to each veteran's goals and are regularly reviewed and updated. Services may include assistance with securing income, gaining employment, accessing benefits, and building essential life skills needed for permanent housing success.

Wraparound Services

Valor Home Lorain provides comprehensive, person-centered support through strong partnerships and an experienced care team. Veterans have access to essential services that address both immediate needs and long-term goals. Case managers collaborate with veterans and the Lorain County Veterans Service Commission to navigate resources such as VA benefits, healthcare, and employment opportunities, ensuring each individual is supported on their journey out of homelessness.

Commitment to Dignity & Healing

The inspiration behind this project comes Samuel L. Felton, Jr. and Daniel P. Gillotti's deep commitment to treating every veteran with dignity and respect. The condition of a living environment plays a critical role in recovery, and by investing in facility improvements, Valor Home Lorain reinforces the message that every resident is valued and deserving of a safe, clean, and welcoming place to call home.



Sponsorship Opportunities

Flagpoles of Valor Information

By participating in the Flagpoles of Valor Campaign, donors directly support homeless veterans who are working toward stability, recovery, and independence through services provided at The Samuel L. Felton, Jr. & Daniel P. Gillotti Valor Home in Lorain County. Each flagpole sponsorship includes a large, custom engraved plaque on one of the following professionally installed flagpoles, along with website and social media recognition.

Available Flagpole Sponsorships | \$10,000

- United States of America & POW/MIA Flagpole
- State of Ohio Flagpole
- Honor and Remember Flagpole
- United States Air Force Flagpole
- United States Army Flagpole
- United States Coast Guard Flagpole
- United States Marine Corps Flagpole
- United States Navy Flagpole
- United States Space Force Flagpole

Name & Dedication Details

Sponsors may dedicate their flagpole in honor or memory of veterans, active-duty military personnel, military families, community leaders, or with their business or organization name and logo.

Examples Dedications:

- "In Honor of Sgt. Jane Smith, U.S. Army Veteran"
- "Dedicated by [Your Company's Name]"
- "In Memory of All Who Served"

Sponsorship and Donor Info

Your Contact Information

Name: _____

Company or Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Flagpole Selection

☐ United States of America & POW/MIA

☐ State of Ohio

☐ United States Coast Guard

☐ Honor and Remember

☐ United States Marine Corps

☐ United States Army

☐ United States Navy

☐ United States Air Force

☐ United States Space Force

Dedication Text

Please mail checks to:

Attn: Alan McKinney
Valor Home Lorain
221 W. 21st St.
Lorain, OH 44052

☐ Invoice Requested

☐ Check Enclosed

The Samuel L. Felton, Jr. & Daniel P. Gillotti Valor Home is a program of Axxess Family Services. As a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine advice in this regard. All contributions will be acknowledged by a receipt which may be used for tax filing documentation.