



California Veterans Assistance Foundation

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the California Veterans Assistance Foundation (CVAF) Stand Down Committee, I am pleased to announce that our 14th Annual Kern County Stand Down and Veterans Resource Day will be held on October 11th, 2012. It will be a one day event located at Stramler Park, on North Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93308. The Stand Down is a safe retreat for homeless veterans to receive supportive services to renew their spirit, health, and overall sense of well-being. The program is successful because it brings these services to one location, making them more accessible to homeless veterans.

The California Veterans Assistance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has provided transitional housing and supportive services to the Kern County veterans community since 2000. In 2011, we assisted over 365 veterans and 70 spouses and dependents during the event.

We need your help! It takes financial resources, donations and the hard work of many volunteers to put on this event. We are prepared to provide services to include veterans benefits counseling, medical assessments, mental health counseling, veterans court, employment and housing assistance, social security, child support services, transportation, haircuts, clothing and meals, to over 200 veterans and their families. Any assistance that you may be able to provide will be very much appreciated.

If you or your organization would like to provide funding, donate clothing such as shoes, clean used clothing, food, or services, please review the following information:

- **Funding:** Please make checks payable to: California Veterans Assistance Foundation (CVAF) and mail to: 729 Decatur St., Bakersfield, CA 93308.
 - CVAF's 501(c)(3) #: 30-0186044
- **Clothing:** Please contact Sarita Esqueda, Administrative Assistant at (661)399-2490.
- **Food:** Please contact Tunisha Crite, Lead Case Manager at (661)399-2490.
- **Other Inquiries or Assistance:** Please contact Heather Kimmel (661)695-3626.

Thank you for your time and consideration in helping our local veteran heroes!

Sincerely,

Deborah Johnson, President
Desert Storm Veteran