

St. Joseph's Baskets



CASA VETERANS MINISTRY

Connecting. Serving. Healing.

"During my 28 years as a VA physician I found the homeless population the most difficult to help. How do you keep track of medications and appointments when you have no home? Once homeless veterans are placed in permanent housing they can begin to focus on their future rather than on solely their safety and survival. I have literally seen lives quickly transformed by this program." - Rebecca Hawkins, M.D.

Homeless veterans generally own little more than the clothes on their backs. The Casa Veterans Ministry partners with the *Arizona Housing Coalition and Community Bridges, Inc.* to restore a sense of dignity, community and hope to these veterans and to provide them with a basket of household goods when they move into their new home. We call this assortment of supplies a "St. Joseph's Basket," in honor of the patron saint of the poor.

"A St. Joseph Basket not only gives a veteran a new start on life, it gives him or her dignity and self-respect. I cannot tell you how wonderful it feels to have the things most people take for granted in their daily life!" - Basket Recipient

2017 – Celebrating Over 100 St. Joseph's Basket Deliveries



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A St. Joseph's Basket provides homeless veterans, as they are placed into permanent housing, with the household goods they need to stock a kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. They are also supplied with cleaning and personal hygiene products as well.

It is a blessing for both the veterans and those who participate in this ministry to witness the incredible gratitude and joy visible on the faces of homeless veterans as they receive the keys and supplies for their new home.

How to get involved:

Email: casaveteransministry@thecasa.org

Subject line: "St. Joseph's Baskets Inquiry"



Provides a safe place where service members, veterans & their families join in community to find healing from their wounds of service

Casa Veterans Ministry Programs:

- Healing of Memories
- St. Francis Retreats
- St. Joseph's Baskets
- Moral Injury Education
- Community Engagement Events



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All are welcome.

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