

# DELAWARE CENTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

*The mission of the Delaware Center for Homeless Veterans (DCHV) is to provide safe and affordable permanent housing coupled with supportive services to homeless veterans and their families. Our services will improve veteran households with greater economic stability and strengthened integration and contribution to the community.*



## WHO WE SERVE

Homeless veterans, families and individuals at risk of homelessness.

## CITY/COMMUNITY

Homeless, low- and moderate-income veterans, and those in reentry throughout Delaware, primarily in Wilmington and Georgetown.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SERVICES

- Holistic support services to veteran's reintegration into the workforce to improve their economic self-sufficiency; advocacy and ongoing engagement with the local VA; and support in creating stability as it relates to substance abuse, health and employment
- Services to convert and empower veterans who are unemployed or underemployed to contribute to the well-being of their communities
- Investments and support for veteran housing, small and microbusinesses, and community development projects

# DELAWARE CENTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS & THE RACIAL WEALTH DIVIDE

**For our affordable housing and other community development projects, we consider the deep racial economic equality faced by our African American veterans and attempt to modify our programs appropriately.**

### STRATEGY 1

Educate and empower homeless veterans to contribute to the well-being of their communities

### STRATEGY 2

Lower the recidivism rate among justice-involved veterans in reentry with pre-release programs behind the walls and proven post-release jobs and economic services

### STRATEGY 3

Social justice advocacy to influence public perceptions and policies, and to restore the self-worth and identity of our veterans

### STRATEGY 4

Staff dedicated to development and construction to provide permanent housing for veterans



## ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT

In the past year, we have accomplished the following:

- Through the Delaware LIHTC Award, provided 51 units of permanent housing through the acquisition and rehab of the Pearl Center to house homeless and formerly homeless veterans
- Provided holistic supportive services in mental health, D&A treatment, job readiness skills, financial coaching, income supportive services and career counseling for homeless veterans and their families
- Designed and developed the Veterans Service Coalition Delaware—six veteran-focused nonprofits partnering to combat homelessness throughout Delaware

