



THE VFW NATIONAL  
HOME FOR CHILDREN



REFERRALS



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THE VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

## HOPE FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES

Death ... deployment ... divorce ... disability ... whenever a parent's life is in turmoil, the VFW National Home for Children is here to keep their children's lives stable. That is why there is an opportunity for families to live with their children on our 70 acre main campus. And why, sometimes, children who cannot live with their parents join our on-campus Residential Program.

With intervention from the VFW National Home for Children, parents' troubles do not have to become their children's troubles. If you would like to assist a family, learn if the National Home can help.

## SHARING A CHILD WITH US

Parents and guardians who receive National Home assistance in caring for or raising children are actually sharing their children with us. They keep custody of their children, while we keep the focus on what it will take to reclaim a healthy family life.

The National Home maintains several carefully structured programs that offer help to families that meet our eligibility guidelines. You may refer any eligible child or family you believe could benefit from National Home programs, even if you don't know precisely what type of help the family needs.

It's simple to make a referral. Just contact the National Home. The information you provide is confidential. \*

*\*Any information pertaining to the neglect or abuse of a child will be reported to the proper authorities as defined by law.*

FOR MORE THAN 80 YEARS, THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND ITS LADIES AUXILIARY HAVE SUPPORTED A THRIVING CAMPUS COMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF OUR NATION'S VETERANS.



## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WE MAY HELP

Our charter allows us to offer services to a child when the child has a:

- parent, grandparent or great-grandparent who is a VFW or VFW Ladies Auxiliary member in good standing
- deceased parent, grandparent or great-grandparent who was a VFW or VFW Ladies Auxiliary member in good standing at the time of his or her death
- parent who is on active duty regardless of VFW membership or eligibility and who is unable to provide adequate care through the approved military family-plan arrangement

Please don't assume that any child is ineligible for a National Home program before you talk to us. If you are uncertain if a child may receive our help, let us work with you to resolve the eligibility question.



## HOW WE HELP

### The Family Programs

When a family is struggling, nothing is more important than a safe, clean, comfortable place to live among people who care. Families receive that at the National Home.

Our homes are situated in a community setting offering each family a place to call home while receiving case management services that have been tailored to meet the family's unique requirements.

### Achieving Family Success

All adults joining our Family Programs enter into a formal agreement with the National Home. The agreement documents a set of life-management goals in one or more of the following areas:

- health & well-being
- household management
- child-rearing
- mapping a successful future
- financial responsibility

The agreement is the basis of regular meetings between the parent and his or her National Home case management team, in which progress is measured, results are celebrated, and challenges are revisited and resolved.

## SINGLE PARENT FAMILY PROGRAM

The Single Parent Family Program provides opportunities for single parents and their children. This goal-oriented one to three year program is designed to assist in building stronger, healthier families.

Supported by dedicated case management staff, single parents are challenged to set and meet personal and family goals while receiving National Home and community support. Staff members assist each family by monitoring the educational, physical, financial, social, spiritual, emotional and vocational growth of every individual.

The goal of this program is to increase the single parent's self-confidence in his or her ability to be independent and self-supportive.

## MILITARY FAMILY PROGRAM

The Military Family Program is designed to provide supportive services to members of the active-duty military, National Guard and Reserves during a period of deployment.

The National Home provides supportive services to the stay-behind spouse and children that assist in maintaining a strong family relationship during the hardship of spousal separation that can come from military deployment.

National Home case managers work with the family on the key areas of growth, education, physical and emotional health, financial stability and vocational training.

The goal of this program is to increase the overall family stability at the conclusion of the deployment.



## VETERAN FAMILY PROGRAM

The Veteran Family Program is designed to serve children within the whole family (veteran, spouse and children) when the veteran in the family meets certain established criteria:

- The veteran is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
- The veteran is in receipt of VA service connected disability compensation
- The veteran is in pursuit of an approved VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program

This program is designed to supplement VA Vocational Rehabilitation. Case management services address the needs of the whole family during the period of the veteran's training to ensure lasting family stability and future vocational success.

## THE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

We welcome children who cannot live with their own families into the family-like environment of our licensed Residential Program.

The child moves into one of the single-family ranch or colonial-style homes on campus devoted to the Residential Program, and lives with up to five other children and one or two National Home staff members.

Residential Program staff members are screened, selected and employed by the National Home for their ability to work with children, their professionalism, and their desire to make a long-term commitment to the program and to the children for whom they care. Children in the Residential Program may come to us from any state in the nation and from any number of unique situations.

Some children may come to us through agreements with social service agencies. Others are entrusted to us by loving parents or guardians when circumstances such as military deployment make it too difficult to provide the children with adequate care.

When children become a member of the National Home Residential Program there is no limit on the amount of time



THERE IS A FAMILY FEELING TO OUR RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM, INCLUDES GATHERING TOGETHER FOR MEAL TIME, TRAVELING TOGETHER, AND CELEBRATING SPECIAL TIMES SUCH AS BIRTHDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

they may stay. Some children return to their own homes within a relatively short time. Others stay with us until they complete high school. Those children in the Residential Program through Military Family Program eligibility will be reunited with their parent upon the completion of the service member's deployment.

Our After Care Program allows Residential Program graduates to remain on campus and continue to receive housing, case management and support as they transition to adulthood while attending college or entering the workforce.

All children who have lived at the National Home for one year or more are eligible to apply for Continuing Education Assistance and may qualify for varying levels of support. All National Home graduates are encouraged to maintain strong ties with the National Home community.



## THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

I was just 2 years old when I came to live at the VFW National Home for Children. I can say with confidence that without the love, support and guidance I received at the National Home, I would not be where I am today. My brother, sister and I were able to stay together and be raised as a family; for that I feel eternally grateful.

*DOTTY (WYNN) RABIDEAU*  
RESIDENT, 1958-1974



THE VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN IS A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SUPPORTED SOLELY BY THE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU. THE NATIONAL HOME HAS BEEN SERVING THE CHILDREN OF OUR COUNTRY SINCE 1925.

WHILE IT RECEIVES NO PUBLIC FUNDING, THE NATIONAL HOME MEETS ALL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.



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# REFERRAL INFORMATION REQUEST

## THE VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

I know a child or family who may be eligible for participation in the programs and services of the VFW National Home for Children. Please contact me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



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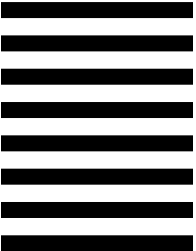
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