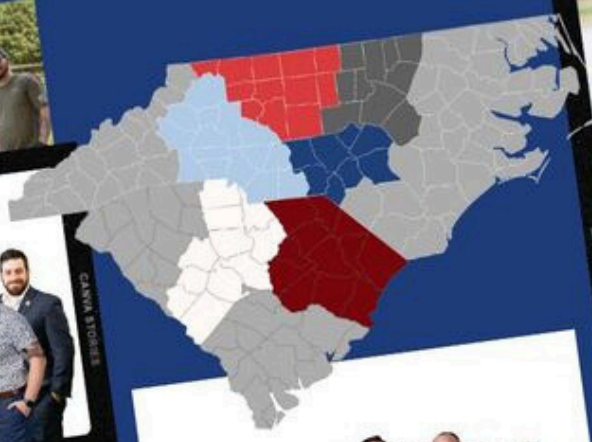
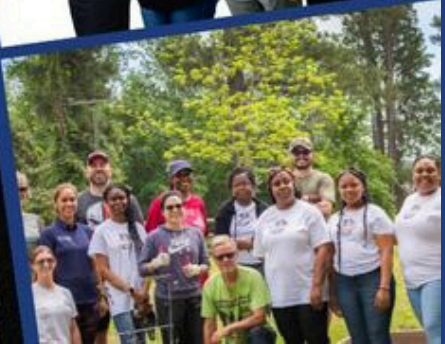
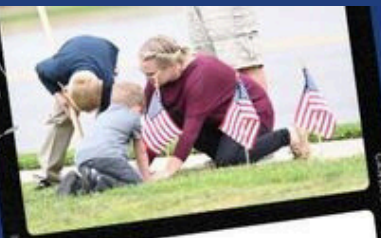




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2023 Impact



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A Message from Blake Bourne, CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for what we've accomplished together under our efforts to build stronger communities one veteran at a time. This report not only chronicles the milestones we've achieved but also celebrates the individual lives that have been transformed through our collective efforts.

2023 was a year of profound impact, challenges overcome, and significant growth for VBH. Each page of this report tells a story—not just of the organization but of each veteran we've had the honor to support. Through personalized programs, comprehensive services, and unwavering commitment, we've seen firsthand how supporting one veteran at a time can reverberate strength throughout our entire community.

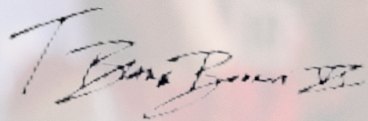
Our successes this year were made possible by the extraordinary generosity and dedication of our donors, sponsors, and partners. Your belief in our mission and your ongoing support fuel our efforts and enable us to make a tangible difference in the lives of veterans and their families. I extend my heartfelt thanks for your trust, collaboration, and investment in building stronger communities through the empowerment of our nation's heroes.

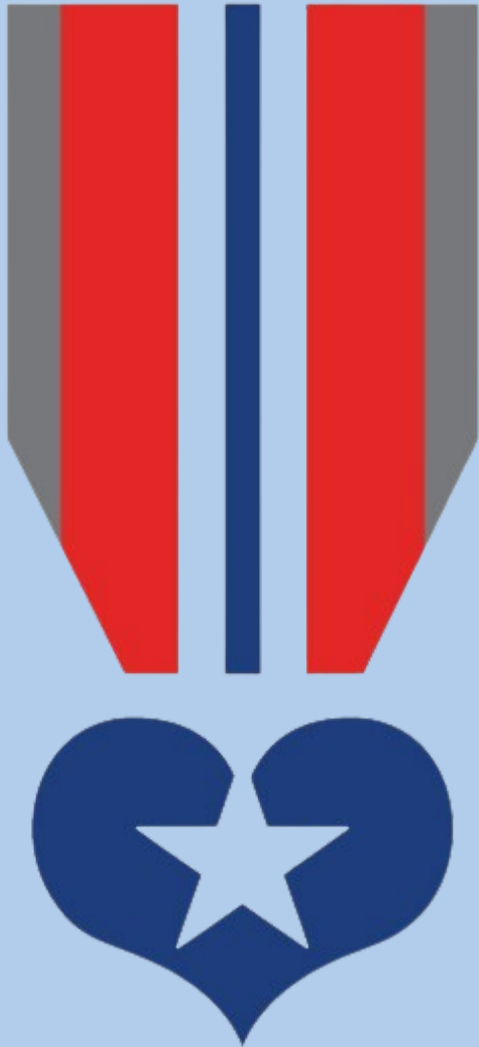
As we share the stories of triumph and transition within these pages, we also look forward to the opportunities and challenges that 2024 will bring. Our mission continues, driven by the ever-present need to support those who have served our country as they embark on and navigate through their civilian lives. The journey of each veteran is unique, but the goal remains universal—to ensure they receive the respect, support, and opportunities they deserve.

I invite you to join us as we continue this important work. Whether you are a longstanding partner or new to our community, your support makes all the difference. Together, we can continue to make a profound impact, one veteran at a time, strengthening not just individual lives but our Carolinas community as a whole.

Thank you for being a part of our story. Here's to another year of making a difference, advancing our mission, and fostering a community where veterans thrive.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Blake Bourne", is positioned at the bottom left of the page. The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.



Mission & Vision

Our Mission

To connect, lead, and advocate in communities to ensure service members, veterans, and their families thrive.

Our mission is realized by focusing on tailored support services, fostering community integration, and building cross-sector partnerships to ensure that every veteran is supported, connected, and respected.

Our Vision

Stronger communities, one veteran at a time.



Care Coordination

Care coordination is a comprehensive and personalized approach designed to ensure that veterans and their families receive the holistic support they need. The process begins with an in-depth intake assessment to identify each veteran's unique needs and challenges. Utilizing the extensive NCServes network, VBH connects veterans to a wide range of services, including housing, employment, healthcare, financial support, and legal aid. The care coordination team at VBH continuously follows up with veterans, addressing any new issues and providing ongoing support to ensure their stability and well-being. This integrated approach ensures that veterans receive timely, effective, and comprehensive assistance, fostering their long-term success and stability.



3,243

Households
Served



7,853

Services
Provided



2.4

Services
Per Veteran

Care Coordination

3,392

Whole Health Assessments

136

Families Received \$404,237 in ARPA Financial Support

Top Requested Services and Number of Cases

- Housing & Shelter: 2,624
- Employment: 1,156
- Mental/Behavioral Health: 814
- Income Support: 626
- Benefits Navigation: 512
- Social Enrichment: 397
- Clothing/Household Goods: 348
- Food Assistance: 333
- Utilities: 255
- Individual/Family Support: 226
- Legal: 165
- Money Management: 146

Care Coordination

METROLINA

3,971 Services Delivered
1,358 Households Served

SANDHILLS

1,206 Services Delivered
486 Households Served

SOUTH CAROLINA

189 Services Delivered
68 Households Served

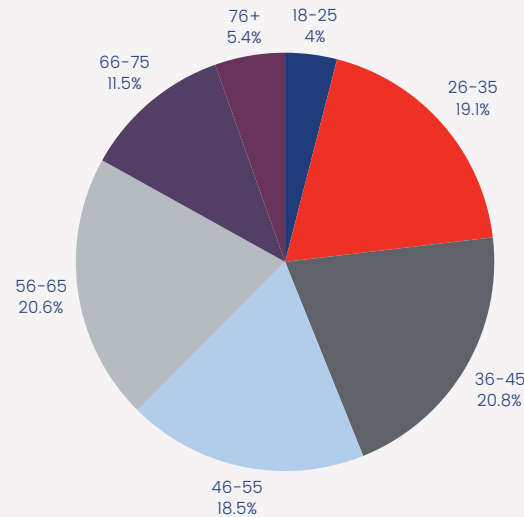
TRIAD

720 Services Delivered
319 Households Served

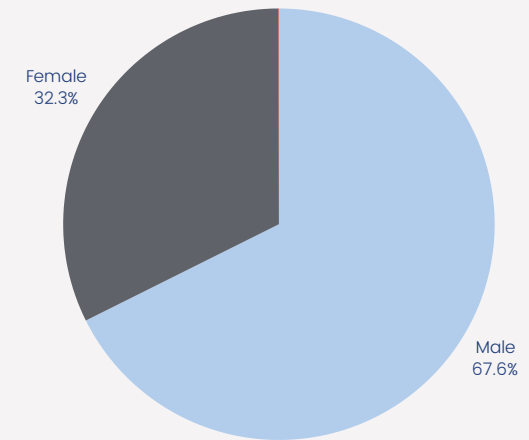
TRIANGLE

1,034 Services Delivered
391 Households Served

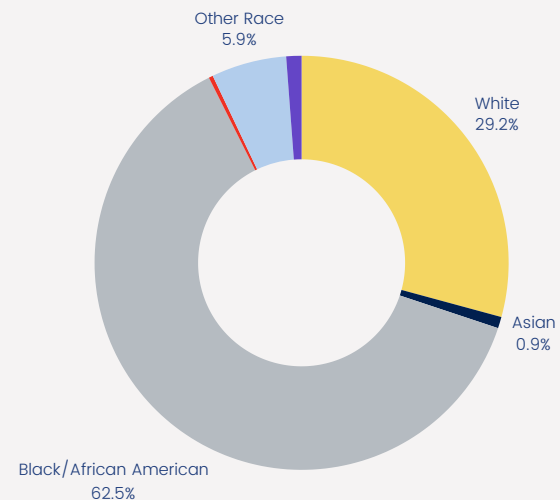
Age



Gender



Race





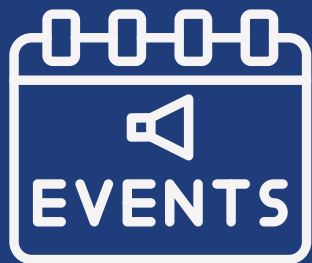
Veterans Bridge Home has truly transformed my life. After years of struggling with homelessness, they helped me secure stable housing, offering support with utilities and household supplies that I desperately needed. But their assistance didn't stop there. They connected me with therapy services, which have had a profound impact on my mental health and overall well-being. The compassionate and dedicated team at VBH has provided unwavering support every step of the way. Thanks to them, I now have a place to call home and the resources to maintain my stability. I am forever grateful for the life-changing support I've received from Veterans Bridge Home.

- Ben

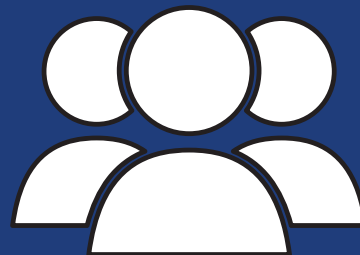


Community Engagement

VBH has a robust community engagement program that plays a pivotal role in connecting, leading, and advocating within the community to support veterans, service members, and their families. By fostering strong relationships with local organizations, businesses, and community members, VBH actively involves the community in supporting veterans through various events, training sessions, volunteer opportunities, and collaborative initiatives. This integrated approach ensures that veterans receive comprehensive support and resources, empowering them to thrive and enhancing their overall well-being. Through community engagement and training events, VBH effectively mobilizes collective efforts to create a supportive environment where veterans can succeed.



384
Events



15.830
Participants



6,879
Engaged



Attending a Veterans Bridge Home event has been a life-changing experience for me. As a female veteran, I often felt isolated and unsure about how to navigate my benefits and support options. At the event, I not only learned about my VA benefits and the application process but also developed a strong support system of fellow veterans and community members. Additionally, I had the opportunity to attend a Mental Health First Aid training, which has equipped me with the knowledge and skills to help others who may be struggling with mental health issues. The support and resources provided by VBH have empowered me to take charge of my well-being and contribute positively to the well-being of others. I am incredibly grateful for the impact VBH has had on my life.

-Melissa



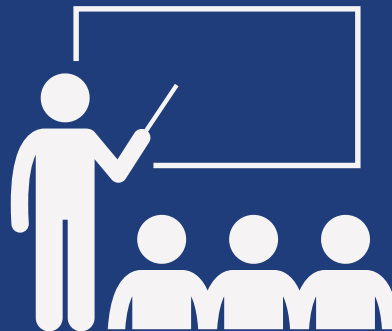
Employment

The Employment Program is dedicated to empowering veterans, military spouses, and transitioning service members by providing comprehensive employment support. VBH connects these individuals with local nonprofits offering job readiness resources and businesses eager to hire veterans. With a strong focus on personalized care, the program includes talent matching, training and onboarding assistance, continuous job readiness training, and placement services. By leveraging a robust network of employers and partner nonprofits and government agencies, VBH ensures that veterans and their families receive the necessary resources and opportunities to thrive in their civilian careers, fostering a seamless transition and long-term success.



1,156

Requests for
Support



47

Career
Readiness Trainings



80%

Resolution
Rate

Employment

1,300
Employers

812
Employer Participants

77
Employer Events

172
Veteran-Ready Employer
Training Hours





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"Meeting Veterans Bridge Home at an employment event was the start of an incredible journey for me. After leaving the military, I struggled to understand the civilian employment landscape and felt uncertain about my future. VBH provided invaluable guidance and support, helping me to understand and prepare for civilian employment. Inspired by their mission, I began volunteering with the Cedar Grove Cemetery clean-up, where I had the chance to give back to the community and honor fellow veterans. Through this volunteer work, I networked with several employers who shared my passion for service. These connections eventually led me to land my dream job. The opportunities and support provided by VBH have been life-changing, and I am profoundly grateful for how they've helped me achieve my career goals while staying connected to my community."

-Ricardo

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Star Spangled Salute



The Star Spangled Salute, presented by Lowe's, was a particularly memorable event, featuring keynote remarks by General Peter Pace, USMC (Ret.), and hosting distinguished guests from all branches of our nation's Armed Forces.



The 2023 Salute was a resounding success, raising over \$800,000 to support service members, veterans, and their families throughout the Carolinas. This remarkable achievement was a testament to the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and community partners, whose commitment to our mission ensured that veterans and their families receive the resources and support they need to thrive.



The Star Spangled Salute continues to be a cornerstone event for Veterans Bridge Home, embodying our commitment to building stronger communities, one veteran at a time.



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At Veterans Bridge Home, we believe in the power of community and the strength that comes from working together. Each success story, each veteran who finds stability and hope, is a testament to what we can achieve when we unite around a common cause. But our work is far from done.

As we look forward to the year ahead, we invite you to continue this journey with us. Together, we can build stronger communities, one veteran at a time. Whether by extending a helping hand, providing critical resources, or simply spreading the word about our mission, your support is essential in ensuring that every veteran has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for standing with us. Let's continue to make a difference, together.



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