

100 Veterans Rescued in Just 18 Months!

ROSE

- ◆ GCVF receives a call from Deputy Chris Dyer: "All Hands On Deck!... I have a 94 year old double veteran widow at the front desk. Her daughter & caretaker just died; she'll be homeless on the street with three dogs in a few days... she's also legally blind."
- ◆ Rose Burgess has \$3,300 a month in income (SSI & retirement), yet no money in her bank account
- ◆ Monthly deductions before rent & food: \$600 car payment, \$1800 storage (5 units + old trailer)
- ◆ Gross income is above gov't "poverty" threshold, but far below real-world cost of living
- ◆ Police & Sheriff deputies "pass the hat" and put Rose in a motel for a couple of nights
- ◆ GCVF partner St. Vincent DePaul provides short extension of emergency motel funding
- ◆ GCVF Volunteers begin "Relentless Engagement" – identify & remove causes of poverty
- ◆ GCVF reaches out to local homeless agencies for "rental assistance"/subsidized housing
- ◆ 14 gov't and "charity" org's refuse to help, because "She has income"
- ◆ GCVF Outreach Director personally funds additional motel nights and immediate needs
- ◆ GCVF contacts Kirby Subaru, "unwinds" the car lease with no costs/penalties to Rose
- ◆ GCVF volunteers spend a week cleaning/condensing 5 storage units into 1



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- ◆ GCVF staff researches, photographs, advertises and shows Rose's vintage trailer
- ◆ Trailer sold to family member of a Vietnam veteran, to become a vacation getaway
- ◆ Rose's monthly storage expense goes from \$1800 to \$200
- ◆ \$2600 trailer sale proceeds are used to create a savings account for Rose
- ◆ With Rose's finances now repaired, GCVF begins permanent housing process
- ◆ GCVF assists Rose in finding a full-service Senior Living apartment within her budget
- ◆ GCVF's partner United Way of Ventura County provides \$2,000 move-in deposit
- ◆ GCVF volunteers move Rose in, GCVF provides additional furnishings
- ◆ Rose is able to keep her dogs, and now has a comfortable home providing 3 meals a day
- ◆ Board of Supervisors recognizes the rescue of Rose as their "Moment of Inspiration"

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