

Transportation - Stumbling Block to Veteran Employment

Milwaukee County, Wisconsin business leaders donate a Vehicle to the VEA Center adding to the services provided for Veterans attempting to rebuild their lives upon return from deployment.



(Milwaukee, WI) September 2015 – Veterans Employment Alliance Inc., a charitable organization helping Veterans & Families in Crisis, today announced receipt of a donation of a Dodge Grand Caravan to the VEA's From Deployment to Employment program to transport Veterans to job interviews outside the metro bus system. The VEA has been asked by employers outside the Milwaukee metro area to provide qualified Veterans for hundreds of career positions with companies that most Veterans are not able to apply for due to lack of transportation.

Affordable transportation is not a luxury for many returning Veterans. It can mean the difference between finding employment, getting to work on a daily basis and getting there sporadically, if at all, and depending on the kindness of relatives and friends. The fact is that getting to work, doctors, or even getting to the supermarket can prove impossible without a car.

Unemployed and homeless Veterans suffer most from the sprawl that has spread across almost all of the country. The simple answer to lack of transportation, move closer to jobs and stores is not always possible. Over the last several decades, communities have been designed with the car in mind. Urban sprawl hits unemployed and homeless Veterans hard, making it difficult to get anywhere without a car. And public transportation? Not always available. "We can't fix everything," says C. J. Brown III, founder of the VEA Center, "but we can help due to this major donation of transportation and kick away the major stumbling block, by transporting Veterans to job interviews as well as their jobs until they can find affordable transportation."

The Veterans Employment Alliance, Inc., a not for profit organization, is also requesting donations from the community of vehicles that would be available to the Veterans that are served by us once they are employed. For more information on how you can help, go to our website at www.veactr.org.