



VETERANS PRODUCE



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## VETERANS PRODUCE: BRINGING FOOD SECURITY AND HOPE TO HOMELESS VETERANS

Veterans Produce is a veteran-owned nonprofit dedicated to addressing the critical issue of food insecurity among homeless veterans. Founded by retired United States Navy Chief Petty Officer T.C. Beckett in 2018, the organization's mission is to break the cycle of hunger by empowering veterans to provide for themselves through sustainable food production.

The inspiration for Veterans Produce stemmed from Beckett's personal connection with a homeless Vietnam Army veteran named Tony. This friendship, combined with Beckett's childhood spent in a food-insecure environment, drove him to take action. With a deep compassion for his fellow veterans, he knew he could do more to make a lasting impact. Veterans Produce was born out of this vision and has since become a lifeline for veterans in need.



Veterans Produce's greenhouse systems are designed to be adaptable, providing solutions to feed homeless veterans in various communities nationwide. Whether the need is large or small, these systems offer a scalable approach to food security. The organization is built by veterans, run by volunteers, and focused on making a tangible difference in the lives of veterans struggling with hunger and homelessness.

The organization's approach is both innovative and community-driven. **While Veterans Produce creates organic greenhouse gardens that provide year-round access to healthy food, it also teaches veterans how to grow food using aquaponic and hydroponic systems.** This addresses the immediate need for sustenance and empowers veterans with the skills to sustain themselves long-term.



In turn, a ripple effect is created: veterans trained to operate these systems help build additional community gardens, extending the reach of the organization's mission. The hands-on training provided by Veterans Produce gives veterans a renewed sense of purpose and the tools needed to contribute to their local communities. As each garden is built, more veterans gain access to fresh, nutritious food while also being empowered to take control of their own well-being.

Though Veterans Produce has made significant strides, the increasing number of homeless veterans highlights the ongoing need for more community gardens and greenhouse projects. With additional funding, the organization can continue expanding its reach, bringing food security, safety, and sustainability to even more veterans throughout the U.S.

**Those who wish to support Veterans Produce's mission can get involved by donating or volunteering through the organization's website, [veteransproduce.org](https://veteransproduce.org).** Every contribution helps bring this vital solution to more veterans in need.

