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To provide veterans and their families temporary overnight accommodations when receiving treatment at a medical facility in the Reno-Sparks area.

Your Gifts in Action

- \$20 - Gives one guest roundtrip transportation from the Guest House to medical appointments throughout the Reno area.
- \$50 - Sponsors a veteran and family member for one night.
- \$100 - Provides breakfast and a snack for all guests for one day.
- \$150 - Feeds all guests dinner for one night.

Your support helps provide relief to veterans and their families during difficult times.



Homeward Bound: A Story of the Difference You Made to a Man and His Dog



Richard and Cloud have been a familiar sight at the Guest House for many years. Richard, a 64-year-old retired Army Ranger, lives alone on a reservation hundreds of miles away. His fluffy 80-pound American Eskimo mix is a source of comfort and companionship, helping ease the isolation and depression that commonly afflicts guests who come from rural communities. The special bond between the two is evident when witnessing Cloud's pleasing personality, quietly ready to respond to the needs of his owner. "That's a good boy," says Richard as he pats Cloud's head and settles in for the night.

Together, they travel five hours one way for Richard to receive care, usually by train or rides from friends. The distance may be far, but it's care he cannot do without.

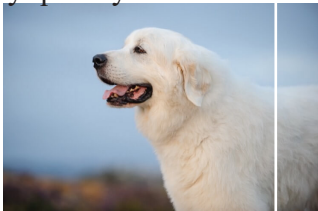
Richard's doctors discovered he had lung cancer as they prepared to perform open-heart surgery. The surgery was immediately canceled and aggressive chemotherapy began. The cancer spread quickly and his condition continued to deteriorate. When he returned for his latest round of treatment in January, Richard knew he was in for a long hospitalization...he didn't if know he would survive. Yet this was not what troubled him. It was Cloud. What would happen to his beloved four-legged family member if he was no longer around to provide for him?

His faith in a higher power gave him strength and a gift greater than he could have imagined. During his stays, Richard met his angel, Sal. They quickly formed a connection and Sal promised that she would care for Cloud no matter the outcome. Richard could now turn his attention to a greater fight. As Richard battled cancer and the effects of chemotherapy, he looked forward to his visits from Cloud: a special gift only made possible by Sal's kind heart. His health continued to decline but his spirits were always raised when he was able to see his faithful pup.

Richard ultimately lost his battle with cancer. Yet, because of you, his dying wish was granted: a loving home for Cloud.

Today, Cloud is often seen walking the Veterans Guest House neighborhood with his new keeper. Your support gave peace to Richard in his final days and gave others like Sal an opportunity to give back. On behalf of Richard, Sal, Cloud and the 3,000+ veterans served each year, thank you for providing comfort, love and support for those who have served...

...and for their loyal companions.



Other News

Tesla is helping the Veterans Guest House go green! Solar panels will be installed at the end of March to save the planet and energy costs.

Panasonic employees rallied together to donate to local veterans. The Guest House was one of five local charities selected as part of their give back program.

St. Mary's Hospice and Catholic Charities have begun a monthly needs drive for the Guest House.

Upcoming events

Radiothon - March 12
Call 775-348-VETS(8387) or stop by Atlantis parking lot to support veterans.

Golf Outing - August
Get ready for a beautiful day at Montreux. Sponsorships and foursomes will be available soon!

The Heroes You Help

In 2020, your generosity provided temporary lodging, food and support to 3,000 veterans and their families. Recent survey results illustrate the dramatic difference you make.





Household Income



71% of guests have two more individuals in their household.

Less than \$20,000	32%
\$20,000 - \$40,000	33%
\$40,000 - \$60,000	22%
\$70,000 and above	13%

Branches Represented

 Army	48%
 Navy	24%
 Marine Corps	15%
 Air Force	13%

Many veterans mistakenly believe that not applying for VA benefits means that there will be more resources available to those who “need it more.”

9%
of guests are uninsured

How You Can Answer the Call

Join us March 12 on KOH

As hospitals and communities start to slowly re-open, an estimated 6,000 veterans will need the guest house in order to access medical care. Approximately 30% of them will also need help finding transportation, food and other basic necessities.

Join us on March 12 when the Veterans Guest House fills the airways of KOH with inspiring stories of courage and generosity. Hear directly from veterans, special guests and leaders like you who will detail the incredible impact you make when you donate to the Guest House.

All those who make a donation in person at the Atlantis (outdoor west parking location) will be entered into a raffle. Five winners will be selected for a free dinner for two at the Toucan Charlie’s Buffet. Other opportunities to give and win include auction items such as, week long pass for two for the Reno Air Races, \$200 in parts/services from Reno Vulcanizing, Deluxe Wine & Chocolate Basket from Dorinda’s Chocolates, and upscale steakhouse dining.

Tune in and call 775-348-VETS(8387) or drive by our Atlantis location in the west end parking lot on March 12, from noon to 6:00pm pm to make a gift.

All monies raised will directly benefit the thousands of veterans and their families who stay at the Guest House each year.

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A Special Thank You

After 16 years of dedicated service, Noreen Leary is retiring. The love she poured into the Guest House is evident, not only in the tremendous expansion she led but also in the care that each guest receives during their stay. She took great pride in her role and saw the beauty in the generosity of the community.



“It’s time for me to start writing the next chapter of my life,” said Leary. “The past 16 years serving as CEO of the Veterans Guest House have been some of the most humbling and rewarding years of my life. But I am ready to sleep in, not worry about being ready for an early meeting and spending more time with family and friends.”

Those rewarding years involved many roles; in Noreen’s early days she was the director, house manager, maintenance worker and chief cheerleader, all while residing in a 500 square foot apartment in the guest house basement.

Through her unwavering gusto, community outreach, and sincere love of veterans her vision transformed a small humble home to a modern state of the art facility where guests are treated with the respect, care, and love they deserve.

During her time, Noreen’s accomplishments include:

Enhanced quality of care and availability of services for veterans by growing total support for the Guest House from a \$140,00 to \$573,000.

Raised total capacity from 900 to 6,000 a year by expanding the facility to 33 beds available.

Please join us and the 80,000 veterans who have benefited from her vision to say, “thank you for 16 wonderful years.” Noreen will join us at this year’s Radiothon. Call in, say “thank you” and make a gift in her honor!



Noreen Leary, who has served as CEO for the Veterans Guest House since 2005 is retiring. Her passion and drive resulted in substantial growth of the organization, including navigating the unique challenges of the COVID pandemic.

