Patriot House

Transitional Home for Homeless Disabled Veterans
What is the Patriot House?

- The Patriot House is a six bed service intensive model Grant and Per Diem transitional housing program where a homeless disabled Veteran has up to 2 years to transition back into the community into safe and sustainable permanent housing.
- Most of the referrals come through the VA.
- Majority of the funding to run the home comes from the VA.
Goals

• Goals are the key to transition the Veteran back into the community into stable and sustainable housing.

• The Veteran and the Program Director review the reasons the Veteran became homeless. The Veteran decides the goals that will need to obtained in order to solve the problems that led to homelessness.
Working with other organizations

• Bridges cannot do everything alone. Working with other organizations is key.
• Each Veteran must work with at least 6 organizations.
• CareerSource Brevard, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), American Legion, Circles of Care, Brevard Health Alliance, Daily Bread, as well as local churches, Ascension Catholic Church, Church on the Rock, First Baptist Church of Melbourne and Church of Christ.
• Patriot House is also a provider with the Continuum of Care (COC) Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC) as well as providers on the Veterans Subcommittee for the BHC.
Patriot Park

• The City of Melbourne has allowed the Patriot House to adopt the small park that is in front of the residence. The city also provided a sign which designates the park as Patriot Park adopted by Bridges. The program director and veterans will be maintaining the park.