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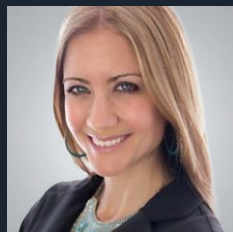
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Dear friends, community members, partners, and ambassadors,

We're at a pivotal juncture in Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center's (MCVSC) history – we continue to grow as fast as we can to match the ever-increasing needs of our military and veterans.

Since Jay Cimino's vision in 2014, and opening in 2016, the MCVSC team and its partners have supported over 70,000 client visits. Even more noteworthy is that EVERY year "client visits" (Active-duty, Reserves, National Guard, Veterans, AND their Families) have INCREASED, with 2023 surpassing all records at 17,023! That means tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters have obtained assistance with monetary challenges, VA disability claims, mental health, food security, employment and so much more.

Each year, we've expanded the scope and availability of services to better meet the growing need of our community. Originally just in Colorado Springs, we now have offices in Westcliffe, Monte Vista, Pueblo, and Trinidad, with plans to further expand into other areas to reach every military member, veteran, and family member in our state.

We have an incredible team of professionals — over 74% are veterans or family members themselves — across a broad spectrum of service areas. This team actively listens, understands, and is passionate about helping resolve life-impacting challenges. We are made stronger through our hundreds of volunteers, ambassadors, and partners like UHealth's Next Chapter, Care & Share Food Bank of Southern Colorado, partners who provide free eyeglasses and dental exams, and those who help with equine and art therapies.

The bottom line is that the combined MCVSC family is making a tremendous difference across a broad spectrum of critical services – from suicide prevention and disability claims to employment service and food pantries, and nearly everything in between!

Suicide prevention remains one of our key focus areas. We must curb this devastating trend — 22 veterans take their lives everyday nationally, and many experts believe the number is much higher. It's not just addressing a mental health challenge, but lives are often complicated by a variety of challenges like finances, family relationships and jobs. That's why having our integrated, wraparound services on site is so important.

On the veteran homelessness front, last year MCVSC coordinated and sponsored the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans. We provided nearly 150 veterans with warm clothes, haircuts, food, counseling, and access to needed resources. Additionally, nine of those veterans were given a place to live, food, a peer navigator and employment services for our 30-day intensive transitional housing initiative. All but one found employment and permanent housing and were able to stand tall once again. We couldn't help so many without the support from community leaders, individual and corporate donors, volunteers, ambassadors, and partners. We couldn't do it without YOU. Together we provide a one-stop shop for veterans and their families who just need a hand up, not a handout. We are more committed than ever to serve those who served us. Join us in this worthy mission.

Jim Hannon, Col., USAF (Ret.)
Chairman of the Board of Managers
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VETERANS. CONNECTION. COMMUNITY.



Bob McLaughlin

EXPANSION. GROWTH. OUTREACH.

Those have been the themes for Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center for the past year.

As we reach more veterans in rural areas of the state without easy access to resources, we've learned our services are needed more than ever. This year, we opened offices in Westcliffe and Monte Vista, expanded our footprints in Pueblo and Trinidad, and partnered with various agencies to provide additional services to more veterans than ever before.

And we couldn't do it without you. Without our community support, our donors, volunteers, workers, board members. It takes a village — and we're grateful for our village.

Our goal is to continue our outreach, to continue to provide wraparound services to military members, veterans, and their families. We want to reach those transitioning military members seeking jobs, and their family members who are traditionally underemployed. We want to make sure everyone who needs mental health assistance gets it. And we want to make sure no one who served our country goes hungry or homeless.

This year, in addition to our expansion, has brought some notable success. The Stand Down in October shone a light on veterans who are homeless. We helped local veterans find resources through the Department of Veterans Affairs, Medicaid, and other resources. We provided, with our partners, warm clothing for the winter months. And we selected nine veterans for our Transitional Housing Initiative. These nine men were given traditional housing, intensive counseling, job training, and job search help for 30 days. At the end of the month, seven of them found employment and permanent homes. One moved back to be with family out of state. Now in its third year, the THI has a proven record of successfully moving veterans off the streets and into homes, saving taxpayer dollars and paying a debt of gratitude for their service.

We experienced loss this year when our founder and biggest supporter Jay Ciminio passed away in February. Jay's vision made Mt. Carmel a reality, and I pledge to maintain my friend's legacy and carry it throughout the state of Colorado.

What's ahead for Mt. Carmel? Additional growth: We'll be adding at least one more location in Glenwood Springs. Additional support: We've added behavioral health to our services in Pueblo, and we'll continue to provide support to the community through the Helping Hands coalition. Additional partners and volunteers: We seek to work with any organization that shares our mission to serve those who have served our nation.

Thank you for your support; it means our mission can continue and can expand. We use your dollars wisely as we continue to provide benefits to military members and their families. Without you, many would be left without hope or support — you save lives, make dreams come true.

Here's to an upcoming year of growth, expansion and outreach!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert F. McLaughlin".

Robert F. McLaughlin
COL, U.S. Army (Ret.), Executive Director

Project Expansion: Southern Colorado

FROM COLORADO SPRINGS TO PUEBLO, THEN TO TRINIDAD, ONWARD TO WESTCLIFFE AND MONTE VISTA AND THE ENTIRE SAN LUIS VALLEY — MT. CARMEL VETERANS SERVICE CENTER IS ON THE MOVE.



With a goal of reaching every veteran in Colorado, the last fiscal year came with moves to establish offices in Southern Colorado cities and expand the support available in Pueblo. The goal is to build on the core services while creating new initiatives such as the onsite counseling programs, expanded alternative therapies, veterans arts programs that culminated in a combined arts show in Colorado Springs, and improved training sessions in our rural offices.

And in the past year, these efforts have assisted more veterans and families across Southern Colorado.

This year, Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center in Southern Colorado has tirelessly served 373 community members, veterans, and families. Remaining dedicated to assisting people where they are, the team forged partnerships with new collaborators and facilitated a transformative engagement of nearly 132 participants in the new arts therapy program. Our ongoing support now extends to Monte Vista, Westcliffe, and Trinidad through the Veterans Connection Program, which established impactful partnerships in service to veterans and their families.

PUEBLO

Mt. Carmel is marking its third year in Pueblo and we quadrupled its office space from its initial footprint at St. Mary Corwin Medical Center.

The Pueblo team continues to sustain its core programs, while also introducing several initiatives, including collaborations with the state to provide free vaccinations to Pueblo residents and expanding services through a planned Southern Region One Source Center. Mt. Carmel is also refining donor strategies, repositioning behavioral health personnel onsite, and continuing to grow the monthly Helping Hands Coalition that provides food and support services to the entire Pueblo community.

And the year's success is reflected through a few testimonials from Pueblo veterans that Mt. Carmel was able to help.

Earlier this year, a single mother with two children and an Army veteran lost her purse, which contained all her personal identification and financial resources. She was living in a hotel, facing other challenges — and needed to find a permanent home, care for her family, and work to replace all the lost documentation.

Mt. Carmel provided the veteran with help to cover the cost of gas and food. They even collaborated with partners to expedite her application for a housing voucher, and within weeks, she and her children were in a new home.

When a spouse of a Vietnam veteran contacted the Pueblo office to find out more about legal support, Sal Katz (director of rural Colorado services) drove to their home. The couple, married for 61 years, needed help with family estate planning, wills and powers of attorney. While there, Sal realized their refrigerator needed repairs, so he made a referral and got it fixed. Through Mt. Carmel's partner, Rocky Mountain

Veterans Advocacy Project, their legal needs were met, with no charge.

The Pueblo office has provided help to thousands of veterans since it opened its doors in 2022. In the past fiscal year, it has created new partnerships such as it's the Helping Hands program. Their tremendous impact hasn't gone unnoticed. U.S. Sen. John Hickenlooper and Colorado Gov. Jared Polis both made visits to the Pueblo office to learn more about its operations and hear from clients and partners.

Imagine Pueblo without Mt. Carmel: 3,628 veterans would not have received core services from Mt. Carmel, including education, job assistance, basic needs, behavioral health and more. In addition, 2,300 people would have gone hungry without food distributions, and Mt. Carmel's partners would not have its support to help an additional 1,575 people.



MONTE VISTA

The newest office in Southern Colorado, Monte Vista oversees the entire San Luis Valley. Its manager travels across the entire valley encompassing many miles to reach veterans and meet needs for those who sometimes live off the grid, away from towns because they seek the peace and isolation of the Rocky Mountains.

One of those veterans needed a CPAP and oxygen concentrator that wouldn't deplete his electrical supply, because he lives off the grid. Mt. Carmel found grants to cover the cost of a home concentrator. A few weeks later, the veteran told the Mt. Carmel staff: "This help has been life-changing for me. I can finally rest without worrying about my health or electricity."

For another San Luis Valley veteran, the concern was about food. By offering groceries from the food pantry, discreetly located in the office, Mt. Carmel staffers provided support. One veteran confided, "I didn't know how to ask for help, but having access to groceries made a huge difference for my family. It's one less worry on our minds."

The team enters the new year focused on growing its footprint as one of Mt. Carmel's newest satellite offices. This expansion is made possible through donor support, grants, volunteers, and partners.

TRINIDAD

Trinidad has been one of Mt. Carmel's rural satellite offices for about two years. And its influence and support has become invaluable in helping veterans and their families in that community.

One of its most successful collaborations lies in helping veterans with DUI convictions through an alternative to the DUI Court thanks to an innovative county judge who is a former Marine.

The goal: Use positive reinforcement and a team of professionals to help veterans move on from legal issues, combat addiction, and find real solutions to the root causes that lead to drinking and driving. And once they graduate from the program, they — and their new battle buddies — have formed lasting relationships and created the support needed to live better lives and avoid future legal issues.

Mt. Carmel in Trinidad joined the program as a peer mentor to assist veterans with access to resources and to help veterans find battle buddies to continue the camaraderie they had in the military.

And it works because a fellow veteran is a friend, a peer, and not a lawyer, judge, probation officer, or court-appointed counselor.

In the new year, Mt. Carmel's Trinidad office will provide these justice-involved veterans with more opportunities for recreation and fun, but also give them ways to continue to serve, give back to the community and get credit for the required community service hours. The judge offered one hour of service for attending the monthly American Legion meetings, an opportunity to create community and support for those veterans who need it most.

An example of impact, the Trinidad office partnered with another veteran support agency and to help a homeless veteran and spouse after a job loss in New Mexico. While the American Legion Post 11 treasurer



Alexander Kamrud of Mt. Carmel with veterans at Monte Vista's leather works program, similar to the Westcliffe events.

used the Las Animas Veterans Assistance Fund to pay for a hotel, Mt. Carmel provided essentials from its food pantry to sustain the family.

The Mt. Carmel offices in Trinidad continue to find innovative ways to help fight hunger. In the current fiscal year, a conversation with a family restaurant led to a solution for meals: the owner, once homeless herself, offered free meals to veterans and their families. It's not a permanent solution, but it provides hope for a better future for Trinidad veterans.

WESTCLIFFE

Westcliffe opened its office last fall, and quickly became a place for veterans to turn to for employment assistance, food and rental aid, basic needs support and so much more.

The staff created a leather-craft program that is a haven for veterans seeking a creative, therapeutic outlet. Veterans from various backgrounds, including those dealing with PTSD and other challenges, gather to express themselves through the program that helps them develop new skills, while also fostering a sense of community and camaraderie. They take pride in their creations, and many have shared how the program has significantly improved their mental health and provided a sense of purpose. The program provides support, combats feelings of isolation, and promotes emotional healing.

The Westcliffe team also brings people together through a veterans coffee at the library, another welcoming space for local veterans. They are dressing up for the occasion, and it's a significant event. The coffee meetings average 10 veterans a month and is an opportunity to share stories and gain support. One veteran said, "This weekly gathering gives me something to look forward to and makes me feel part of a community again."

Westcliffe's Mt. Carmel offices continue to grow services in the community and is looking forward to reaching more veterans throughout Custer County with local services, assistance, and other types of support.

In the spirit of Jay Cimino, Mt. Carmel's "helping hand" extended its reach during this past year. And the Veterans Service Center's future strategy continues to emphasize growth to meet the increasing need of our community.

In Pueblo, Helping Hands help community

THE HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY COALITION PROGRAM IN PUEBLO IS TRAILBLAZING WHAT COMMUNITY SUPPORT LOOKS LIKE.

Pueblo is home to over 13,000 active military and veterans, some of whom lack food security and affordable health services. Additionally, other residents, including families and the elderly, need assistance. As the cost of groceries continues to rise, Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center and its partners provide essential support to the entire community.

On the first Wednesday of every month, 22 Helping Hands volunteers prepare 10 pallets of food for the roughly 250 people who attend. Residents can choose from fruits, bread, perishables, and other food items to bring home to their families. However, Helping Hands offers more than just food distribution. Each month, a plethora of organizations gather to help friends and neighbors access much-needed services and resources, including free and low-cost vaccines, dental care, health checks, and optometry services.

The assistance extends beyond health care and food. For instance, Vets Auto Clinic, a veteran-owned nonprofit mobile mechanic service, routinely participates in Helping Hands. Additionally, A Caring Pregnancy Center, another local nonprofit, provides an ultrasound and testing mobile unit.

"It's more than just a single day a month," says Sal Katz, director of Rural Colorado services for the Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center. "It is a point of pride that different agencies can come together to achieve a goal that helps the entire community."

Since its inception in June 2022, Helping Hands has assisted more than 2,300 people in accessing vital community resources.

"This is about a coalition of agencies in Pueblo County that have come together, providing needed services and resources to the community on a monthly basis," Katz said. "They just want to serve and continue to serve."

The community's willingness to come together drives the program's success. Supplies run out each time Mt. Carmel hosts the program.

"I am glad I am a part of it," said Katz. He is responsible for starting the program and bringing organizations together. "I have many partners who want to be out there to help the community."

The Helping Hands Community Coalition exemplifies the power of unity and collaboration. As the program continues to grow, it remains a beacon of hope and support for Pueblo's residents, ensuring that no one is left behind.



Financial Highlights

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF MARCH 31, 2024

ASSETS

Cash	\$1,210,615
Accounts receivable and accrued revenue	\$512,278
Pledges receivable	\$208,691
Right-of-use assets	\$340,039
Investments	\$117,646
Property and equipment	\$104,465
Prepaid expenses	\$19,865
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,513,599

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$230,258
Lease liabilities	\$340,315
Deferred revenue	\$56,655
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$627,228

TOTAL NET ASSETS \$1,886,371

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$2,513,599



Every dollar invested in Mt. Carmel **doubles its value** in the community.

REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

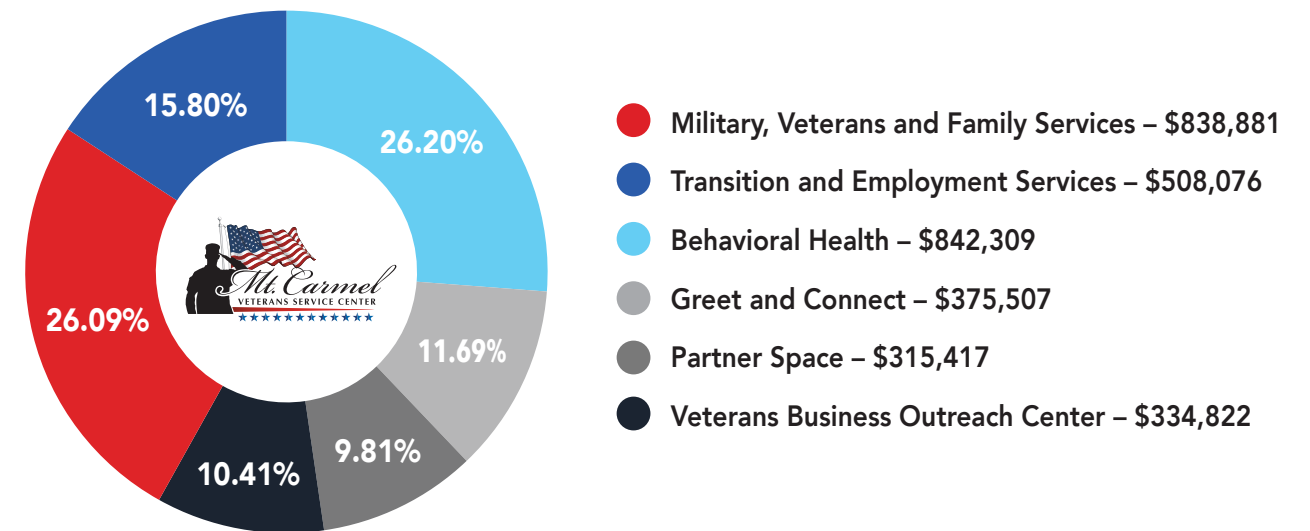
REVENUES

Grants and contributions	\$3,801,602
Event and sponsorship income	\$438,566
Other income	\$289,797
Rental income from partners	\$64,327
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,594,292

EXPENSES

Program services	\$3,215,012
Fundraising	\$773,219
Mangement and general	\$363,413
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,351,644

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM EXPENSES



TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES \$3,215,012



During the last fiscal year, Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center invested over **\$3.2 million** into program expenses providing military-affiliated clients with **no cost/low cost** services in the Pikes Peak Region.

Source: Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center preliminary unaudited internal financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024.

VBOC: One year of successful support

IN MAY 2023, THE STATE'S VETERAN BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTER (VBOC) OPENED AT MT. CARMEL VETERANS SERVICE CENTER TO MUCH FANFARE.

In its first year, the Colorado VBOC has seen more than 477 clients and provided information about starting or growing their businesses. The staff crisscrosses the state, making sure all Colorado veterans have access to resources and classes.

Prior to Mt. Carmel partnering with the Small Business Administration, veterans who wanted to start or grow their small businesses had to work with the New Mexico VBOC. Bob McLaughlin, Mt. Carmel's executive director, saw the need for an in-state capability for small businesses — and the rest is history.

"Our first year, we saw veterans around the state, and helped them find access to capital, create business plans, and assist with marketing," said Kia Palmer, director of the VBOC. "We want people to know we are here and what we can do to help them create or grow a business."

Part of those services include Boots to Business classes for transitioning military who are seeking a business start. The VBOC also provides a class called ReBoot for veterans who have been out of the service for a while. And it provides information about financial resources for capital growth, how to contract with the federal government, and how to partner with other veteran-owned small businesses.

Palmer also partners with other veteran and business organizations to provide a full range of services. It's all about making sure people are connected to business resources.

"We've partnered with ACHIEVE, which is a group of about 15 organizations that provide free or low-cost services," she said. "We work with the Small Business Development Center, with businesses and chambers around the state."

Showcasing the lending partners is a big part of what the VBOC does. For Hansford Hail and Dent Repair in Motor City, the VBOC support was vital to its expansion plans.

The small business – owned and operated by Coty Hansford, who started the business after leaving the military. Hansford only had two bays, but business was booming. Thanks to the VBOC, he was able to find a lender and develop a business plan to help him expand to a new building with 15 bays.

"With the resources that we received, we can do a lot more than we initially thought," Coty told KOAA Channel 5 earlier this year. "So essentially, we're starting a new business, and it's one of those things – that if we would have started sooner, it only would have been better."

That's the kind of success that makes Palmer proud.

"Owning and running a business in the current environment can be hard," she said. "But there are ways we can help. We're dedicated to providing the support Colorado's veteran business owners need."



Kia Palmer is the executive director of the Colorado Veterans Business Outreach Center.



Military members and veterans participated in a ruck march for behavioral health this spring.

RAW Summit addresses resiliency, wellness for veterans

FOR THE FIRST TIME, MT. CARMEL HELD A DAYLONG SUMMIT FOCUSED ON RESILIENCY AND WELLNESS FOR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.

Co-sponsored by Home Field Advantage, local, state, and national behavioral health experts provided advice, information, and interactive conversations. More than 40 other organizations that help veterans and first responders had booths at the event.

Free and open to the public, the RAW Summit, which is an acronym for Resiliency and Wellness, helped those carrying burdens of their service to their nation and local communities, said Bob McLaughlin, retired Army colonel and executive director of Mt. Carmel.

"We understand that veterans and first responders carry a lot of weight on their shoulders, but we also want to open the conversation to the entire community because it's vital for healthy cities," he said. "The goal is to start a conversation and to provide a few tools and resources to help as they face life's challenges and opportunities."

Nate Boyer, a veteran Green Beret, football player, and actor, took part in the event and discussed mental health issues. Boyer served six years in the Army and served multiple tours in Afghanistan before pursuing higher education. He played football at the University of Texas as a walk-on player, despite having never played the game. He was signed by the Seattle Seahawks as an undrafted free agent in 2015. He now hosts the Discovery Channel's reality television show, *Survive the Raft*.

"We're honored to put together such a vital event at an important time in our city," McLaughlin said. "Building resilience and wellness in individuals creates a stronger community, gives hope and save lives."



Panel members included Dr. Brittany Musicaro, Duane France, Dr. Christi Bundukamara, Lt. Col. Samuel Valdes, and Dan Crampton.

Stand Down: Serving those who served our nation

IN THE MILITARY, THE TERM STAND DOWN WAS CREATED IN WORLD WAR II WHEN MILITARY MEMBERS WERE TOLD TO “STAND DOWN” FOR REST AND RECOVERY AFTER PROLONGED COMBAT.

Today, the term is used in cities across the country as they ask homeless veterans to “stand down” for a day to receive access to resources and veterans’ benefits, employment assistance, free haircuts, health care checkups and a variety of warm clothing options including socks and jackets for the winter months. They also provided breakfast and lunch.

Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center hosted El Paso County’s Stand Down for the first time during October 2023. The decades-long event had been hosted by the El Paso County Homeless Veteran Coalition, a group that dissolved in 2023.

Held at the historic City Auditorium downtown, the Stand Down assisted local homeless veterans in finding additional resources and warm clothing.

Doug Glasa was one of the veterans helped last year. As reported on KOAA News Channel 5, he said he appreciated the help offered through Mt. Carmel and its partners.

“Any help is appreciated when you’re broke and homeless,” said Glasa, an Air Force veteran who has been homeless for four years. “There are a lot of great people here; it’s a brotherhood. I can’t thank them enough.”

Each veteran is provided an active-duty service member as an escort and guide to services provided for the day.

“The Stand Down is a way to let homeless veterans know the community cares,” said McLaughlin, executive director of Mt. Carmel. “It’s a way to give a little back to people who have served their county and are now on hard times.”

Mt. Carmel was joined by partners Hire Heroes USA, Vets4Vets, Sodexo, Kangaroo Coffee, MacKenzie Place and the Salvation Army’s mobile canteen.

“It takes our entire community to lift up those who are most vulnerable among us,” McLaughlin said.

“We’re proud to be able to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in arms.”

Mt. Carmel partnered with UCHHealth and its behavioral health program Next Chapter to continue efforts through the Transition Housing Initiative. The groups vetted nine people at the Stand Down and provided 30 days of housing, intensive therapy, help with employment and stabilization. At the end of the 30 days, eight had permanent housing and jobs, while a ninth went back home to stay with family.

Housing the homeless saves taxpayer dollars — and is the right thing to do. Studies show that housing costs much less than the \$21,000 to \$40,000 cities spend for medical care, incarceration, detox treatment and shelter services for each person who is homeless.

“These are people who need our help,” McLaughlin said. “It’s an honor to be able to assist fellow veterans who are having a hard time. It’s totally life changing.”



No matter the era of service, time in the military or type of discharge, Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center uplifts veterans through celebrations, assistance, and support.



Mary Lou and Robert Jackson, Jackson Foundation Trustees, joined Bob McLaughlin, Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center Executive Director and NFL Hall of Famer and Mt. Carmel Outreach Coordinator Randy Gradishar at the Annual Pars for Patriots Charity Golf Tournament in Pueblo

Looking ahead at what's next

MT. CARMEL VETERANS SERVICE CENTER EXPERIENCED A YEAR OF TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN 2024.

We helped more veterans receive support and access to resources. We placed spouses in jobs and assisted families dealing with food insecurity. And our next fiscal year is equally promising as we remain dedicated to supporting military members, veterans, and their families. Expect to see more from Mt. Carmel as we continue to focus on the issues that matter to our military families.

In 2024-25, we will:

- Continue to expand in Colorado, with the goal of reaching every military member, veteran, and family member in the state.
- Continue and increase our partnerships to reach veterans in need in every aspect of our service area, but particularly in behavioral health.
- We'll continue to reach out to veterans and active-duty military families who are struggling with food insecurity in the face of high home prices and inflation.
- We received a \$35,000 grant from the Arts in Society to support behavioral health initiatives through art expression with veterans and their families — and we'll use that money to improve and expand art therapy throughout our Colorado locations.
- Mt. Carmel will continue our partnership with the Empty Stocking Fund, a longtime partner, as a way to raise much-needed funds to continue to meet the increasing needs of military members, veterans and their families.



Providing a better life – and access to tools to get there — for those who served is our mission. We support our veteran population and their families through increased growth of programs, expansion of our presence and outreach to our communities. It's an honor to serve those who served.



Sal Katz meets with Gov. Jared Polis to discuss a one-stop source for veterans in Southern Colorado.

Remembering Jay Cimino

THIS YEAR, MT. CARMEL VETERANS SERVICE CENTER LOST ITS FOUNDER, CLOSEST FRIEND, AND MOST ARDENT SUPPORTER.

Gerald "Jay" Cimino, CEO of Phil Long Dealerships, passed away on February 24, 2024, at the age of 87. He was a fierce supporter of the military and veterans, and Mt. Carmel was a direct result of that support. His vision was to create a nonprofit to provide wraparound services to military members, veterans and their families. And, like most of Jay's efforts, he was extremely successful.

Jay was a business titan, growing Phil Long Dealerships from one store to more than 20, stretching from Raton, New Mexico, to Glenwood Springs, Colorado. His network included dealerships for Audi, Genesis, Mercedes-Benz, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Ford, Subaru, Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Lincoln and Toyota, including electric vehicles and four-by-fours.

He was a philanthropist. In addition to creating a permanent nonprofit to help the military community with employment, transition services, behavioral health, homelessness and food security, Jay also garnered donations from his employees to support Pikes Peak United Way in order to help with many other needs in the community.

Jay built playgrounds across the Front Range and never forgot his hometown of Trinidad, Colorado, where he oversaw multiple historic and commercial development projects, including the Club 14 Garden Grill and Pub, the Marketplace, Champions Center, Hilton Garden Inn and La Puerta de Colorado. He purchased the building that once housed his childhood church. There, he created the Mt. Carmel Wellness and Community Center, which now provides wellness programs, events and, in partnership with Salud Family Health, primary care, behavioral health, and dental services to residents in rural Southern Colorado.

Jay's accolades are legion. During the course of his career, he earned the El Pomar Foundation's Gov. John A. Love Award, Ford Motor Company's Salute to Dealers Award, the Citizen Meritorious Service Award, the Columbine Individual Citation Award, the John Venezia Memorial Award, the Council for College Resource Development Award, and the Partners in Philanthropy Outstanding Individual Donor Award. In 2012, he was inducted into the Trinidad State Junior College Hall of Fame and was named Colorado Auto Dealer of the Year. In 2013, the American Red Cross named Cimino the Humanitarian of the Year. In 2020, he was inducted into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame and became a member of the Colorado Automobile Dealers Association's inaugural Automotive Hall of Fame class. In 2022, he was named a Notable Military Veteran by Automotive News and was inducted into the Ford Motor Company's Hall of Fame.

But here at Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center, we'll remember him as the visionary who created a place for veterans and their families. We're grateful for his support and guidance. We will honor his legacy by continuing the mission at our Center as Mt. Carmel enters its 10th year. And we'll thank him by serving those who have served our nation.





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