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Talbert House Offers Local Veteran Hotline: 281-VETS
Volunteer opportunities available for veteran peer-support

CINCINNATI— Talbert House is pleased to offer another critical resource to veterans and families of Hamilton County. (513) 281-VETS is a 24/7 hotline that recognizes the unique needs of veterans and connects callers to resources for information, referrals to treatment, or direct services in moments of crisis. The 281-VETS hotline is available for veterans and their family members, loved ones, and neighbors. Callers are immediately connected to qualified Talbert House staff trained to provide access to care and/or crisis de-escalation including suicide prevention.

Data from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and SAMHSA shows that veterans have an increased chance for mental health problems, lower access to care, and higher rates of suicide. Talbert House currently provides crisis hotline services throughout Southwest Ohio with over 18,000 calls and 1,250 texts annually from the general public. 281-VETS is an added service dedicated to veterans and their civilian connections, a concept initiated by former board member Bob Alexander, Tony Kohl, Jeremiah Meiner, and Tim Waechter.

281-VETS is accepting calls now. In addition, Talbert House is seeking veteran volunteers interested in offering peer-support to provide shared perspective through discussion, mentorship, and listening at a commitment level based on individual interest. These expanded services built upon evidence-based practices aim to connect veterans with supportive peers for better long-term outcomes. Veterans of all ages, branches, and service years are encouraged to contact Alex Rulon at (513) 961-3292 for more information regarding volunteering.

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Talbert House is a community-wide nonprofit that operates within five service lines: Adult Behavioral Health, Community Care, Court and Corrections, Housing, and Youth Behavioral Health. Children, adults and families benefit from these proven services. Talbert House serves over 36,000 clients face to face and an additional 34,000 are reached through prevention services throughout Southwest Ohio. Talbert House's mission is to improve social behavior and enhance personal recovery and growth.