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Our long tradition of serving those most in need calls us to seek out and restore hope to those who have been forgotten or left behind. Each year, we bring real solutions and create positive and lasting change for over 1000 people in crisis including:

- Homeless Veterans
- Children in foster care
- The frail elderly
- Parents returning home from prison

*To go wherever we are needed
and do whatever comes to hand...*



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Welcome

Rick Cenkus, Board Chair
General Counsel, Cushman & Wakefield

Invocation

Pastor John Miller, Mt. Vernon Church

National Anthem

Alison Ruble, Community & Entertainment Director
USO of Illinois

Opening Remarks

Nancy Hughes Moyer, President & CEO

Awards Ceremony

Presented by Nancy Hughes Moyer

***The Honorable Patrick Quinn,
Governor of Illinois***

Governor Quinn is honored with
a Profile in Leadership Award

***The Honorable Jesse White,
Illinois Secretary of State and U.S. Veteran***

Secretary of State Jesse White
receives a Lifetime Service Award

Panel Discussion

Closing Remarks



The Honorable Patrick Quinn, Governor of Illinois

Profile in Leadership Award

On January 29, 2009, Pat Quinn was sworn in as the 41st Governor of the State of Illinois. Governor Quinn has served the people of Illinois — both as a citizen and a public official — for more than a quarter of a century. As Governor, Quinn serves as an advocate for consumers, taxpayers, and military men and women and their families.

In 2003, Governor Quinn led the successful citizen movement to establish the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund, which provides financial assistance to families of National Guard members and reservists called to active duty. His office also maintains one of the country's most widely accessed websites, www.OperationHomefront.org, which offers information to military personnel, their families, and civilians seeking opportunities to support our troops.

Governor Quinn graduated from Fenwick High School, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and Northwestern University School of Law. Governor Quinn lives in Springfield at the Governor's Mansion.



The Honorable Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State and US Veteran

Lifetime Service Award

Jesse White is Illinois' 37th Secretary of State and has served the State of Illinois for nearly 30 years. Secretary White was first elected to the office in 1998 to the largest and most diverse office of its kind in the nation, providing more direct services to the people of Illinois than any other public agency.

Secretary White has served our country as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division and as a member of the Illinois National Guard. He played professional baseball with the Chicago Cubs organization, which was followed by a 33-year career with the Chicago Public School system.

Secretary of State Jesse White earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Alabama State. Born in Alton, Illinois, he now lives on Chicago's near north side.

Panelists

Volunteers of America of Illinois has convened experts and leaders from across the state to participate in a round table discussion about the challenges facing Veterans – from Vietnam-era Veterans to those just returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. The discussion will address the needs of Veterans across all demographics including: female Veterans, older Veterans, those with significant service-related disabilities and those suffering with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Panelists Include:

Director Dan Grant

Illinois Department of Veterans
Affairs & Iraq Veteran

David Will

Cook County
Public Defender

Alderman Edward Smith

28th Ward Alderman
& US Veteran

Mitch Milner

Milner & Caringella

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Jack Amberg

McCormick Tribune Foundation

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Hope Manor Apartments

Volunteers of America of Illinois was officially awarded funding to develop a supportive housing project for homeless Veterans on the Westside of Chicago where, according to data from the Department of Veterans Affairs, there is a high concentration of homeless veterans in need of housing and supportive services.

The project will be located at the corner of Madison and St. Louis in East Garfield Park which is located in the 28th Aldermanic Ward. The city-owned parcel, which is currently vacant, is 19,100 square feet. The finished project will be a 53,000 square foot, 4 –story building with on-site parking.

The project will include: 1) supportive housing for up to 50 homeless Veterans in need of immediate and intensive services at the point of referral / application; and 2) affordable housing for up to 30 Veterans requiring less intensive but perhaps longer term housing and support.

The project will also include comprehensive supportive services on-site; a full-service Business and Training Resource Center for residents; a large community meeting and living space for residents; private, enclosed green space; and laundry facilities on every floor with residential units.



Funding for Construction:

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| Chicago HOME Funds | 4% |
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