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May 2017

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May is Military Appreciation Month

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." - James Allen

In 1999, Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month "to ensure the nation was given the opportunity to publicly demonstrate their appreciation for the sacrifices and successes made by our service members." May not only celebrates Military Appreciation, but also celebrates Military Spouse Appreciation Day (5/12), Armed Forces Day (5/20), and Memorial Day (5/29)! [Read more about Military Appreciation month here.](#)

5 Ways to Show Your Appreciation:

1) Send a care package – [Operation Gratitude](#) sends 200,000+ care packages annually. See their wish list items, knit a scarf, write a letter, or find more ways to help.

2) Help a military spouse – Offer to babysit, mow a lawn, pick up groceries, etc.

3) Learn a Veteran's story – Have a conversation with a veteran – “skip the sympathy, give gratitude”

4) Volunteer – Sign up to volunteer with a local organization supporting military and/or veterans.

RMHS Homes for All Veterans program in Colorado Springs are always looking for volunteers to help with Veteran outreach and packing “Welcome Home” baskets.

[Fill out the volunteer form here!](#)

5) Donate – Donate to a local non-profit or charity supporting military and/or veterans.

RMHS offers distinct programs to those who have served in the military. Your gift to RMHS ensures that our country's veterans receive the care they need and deserve when returning from service. Our [Homes for All Veterans](#) program provides services to homeless veterans, and last year assisted over 1,200 veterans with emergency shelter, rental assistance, food, health care referrals, and ongoing support.

[Donate to Homes for All Veterans Now](#)

Other Resources:

[Military Appreciation Month Discounts](#)

[Resources for Military Spouses](#)

[Veteran Resource Guide](#)

[24-Hour Hotline for Homeless Vets](#): 1-877-4AID-VET (424-3838)

[24-Hour Veteran Crisis Hotline](#): 1-800-273-8255 option 1



2017 Inspiration Award: Vashawn Pearson

At the recent 21st Annual Goodwill Power of Work Luncheon, Vashawn Pearson, a person accepting services from RMHS, received the 2017 Inspiration Award. He was selected do to his independence, positive attitude, and kindness that radiates to those around him. The RMHS staff who work with Vashawn, couldn't agree more and are so happy for him for this achievement!

[Watch Vashawn's video Goodwill created to share his story and award at the luncheon.](#)



RMHS' Veterans Trauma/Treatment Court Selected as 4th Mentor Program for the U.S.

Recently, the 4th Judicial District (El Paso and Teller Counties) Veterans Trauma/Treatment Court (VTC) was selected by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Justice for Vets program to become one of four VTC Mentor Courts in the United States. A Mentor Court acts as a model for those interested in starting a new VTC and other established VTCs, in which they provide observation and mentorship to building or improving system protocols and processes.

[Read more about the VTC and Mentor Program here.](#)



RMHS Welcomes Jenny Smith

RMHS welcomes Director of Service Coordination, [Jenny Smith](#). Jenny brings an extensive background in human services in Colorado. With 17 years of Medicaid experience, she offers management of service coordination working with individuals on HCBS programs, providing direct care, as well as supervising case management and support staff at RMHS.

Get Involved!

Are you interested in getting involved at RMHS? Check out some options below!

Or visit our [Board of Directors and Councils page](#) for more information!

Together we can support people to define their individual path as they create a life filled with independence, success, and joy!

Donate Now

Upcoming Events

Check out our [Online Calendar](#) and stay up-to-date on all upcoming RMHS events!



UNDERSTANDING HOUSING ASSISTANCE
PART ONE
RESIDENTIAL TENANCY AGREEMENT
KEYS

CLASS DESIGNED FOR
MANAGERS
LANDLORDS
REALTORS

FREE CLASS
Register at
WWW.AASCHQ.ORG
or Call
719-264-9195

ARMED FORCES DAY

Understanding Housing Assistance

May 18 or 20, 2017

This class is designed for Managers, Landlords, and Realtors to learn more about the benefits of participating in housing assistance programs for veterans and families.

Apartment Association Office
545 E. Pikes Peak Ave. Ste. 105
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Armed Forces Day

May 20, 2017



Board of Directors Meeting

May 24, 2017

All RMHS Board meetings are open to the public. If you're unable to attend the Board Meeting in person, you can also join the meeting by calling our general conference line.
[Click here](#) for details.

RMHS Closure

May 29, 2017

Memorial Day



Shopping on Amazon? Did you know that when you shop on Amazon you could be giving back? Amazon will donate a portion of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to RMHS! [Click here to learn more!](#)

Tell Us What You Think!

We want your feedback! Your comments and concerns are important to us. Contact our Stakeholder Liaison, [Becky Miller](#), at (303) 636-5897 or through our Comment Line at (303) 636-5624.

Have a Suggestion?

We welcome your ideas for upcoming features in the newsletter! Please email [Danielle Uhl](#) with your suggestions.



Contact Us!

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