

NAPERVILLE RESPONDS FOR VETERANS 2020 MID-YEAR UPDATE

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Friends and Supporters,

We are living in a time where our daily lives have been disrupted and our freedoms limited by COVID-19. It is in these exact times that we should keep in mind the brave men and women who provide the very freedom we cherish so greatly.

But the disruption hasn't stopped Naperville Responds For Veterans.

Naperville Responds continues its mission to assist Veterans, active military and their families with home repairs and renovations on an income and "needs" basis.

We have learned about social distancing; new ways to communicate with technology and Zoom; families are adapting to new ways of schooling; and we have all become more creative and efficient in our workplace.

Like many non-profits and charitable organizations, our operating budget and fundraising efforts have taken a significant hit while requests for services have increased. But Naperville Responds is uniquely positioned because we are an all-volunteer organization. We are resourceful stewards of donations and people's time.

When COVID-19 first forced a shutdown in March, Naperville Responds immediately put in cost control measures to maximize resources. We are currently prioritizing projects based on *life-safety* issues versus *quality-of-life* issues.

These projects include ramps, handicap accessibility bathrooms, grab bars and much more. So far this year, Naperville Responds have completed nearly 15 projects with another dozen ongoing.

Over the hot and humid Fourth of July weekend, Naperville Responds received a phone call regarding a broken air conditioner. Our Construction and Veterans Committees immediately took action. Within an hour and a few phone calls, a repairman visited the home of a WWII Veteran with the broken air conditioner. The issue was old, faulty wiring with the unit, and the repair cost less than \$100.

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Mission – NAPERVILLE RESPONDS FOR VETERANS (NRFV) assists Veterans and their families in need, especially those with low and moderate income, by raising donations of money, building materials, and professional labor, and coordinating the process of repairing, building, and donating homes. Naperville Responds For Veterans is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that provides services to Veterans in need and those in crisis. www.NapervilleResponds.org.



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In 2019, Naperville Responds committed to host The Naperville Salute on July 3-4, 2020. After a yearlong planning process, the inaugural Fourth of July celebration was postponed until 2021 due to public safety concerns arising from COVID-19. We were still able to host a successful fireworks display for the greater Naperville community. We would like to thank all the volunteers, sponsors, City of Naperville staff and Naperville Park District Staff who spent countless hours in the initial planning process. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Our greatest challenge always will be identifying Veterans that may need assistance. Veterans are trained to serve others and always are the last to ask for help.

We emphasize that if you know a Veteran in need, please have them or help them apply for assistance through our website at www.napervilleresponds.org. Applying through our website helps to expedite the application process so NRFV volunteers can execute a project quickly and efficiently. All applications for assistance are vetted by the NRFV Veterans Committee on an “income” and “needs” basis.

We realize under the current business climate, it’s increasingly difficult to be charitable. It is hard to be generous when you are not profitable. Naperville Responds encourages everyone to shop local, donate local and support community commerce. We look forward to continuing our fundraising efforts this fall with a special edition of our annual fundraiser, Cheers For Veterans. Stay tuned for updates.

On behalf of the Naperville Responds For Veterans Board of Directors, I would like to thank our generous financial supporters, all individuals who volunteer their time, and everyone who spreads the word about our mission to assist Veterans in need with home repairs and renovations.

***THANK YOU, GOD BLESS AMERICA, AND GOD BLESS OUR MILITARY AND VETERANS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,***



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