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Better Together

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Our Mission: To create a network among organizations who support CAF and RCMP Veterans, Emergency Responders, and their families in meeting the array of challenges, such as: transition, mental health, and housing instability, by promoting collaboration that improves the delivery of services.

What we do: Respect Forums are a national networking initiative that promotes collaboration between service providers.

Why: There are many organizations – literally hundreds - supporting our community. None have the time or budget to learn about each other: we help them connect.

How we accomplish our mission: We manage five lines of operations:

1. **Forums** and special meetings in more than 20 towns and cities across Canada in the Spring and Fall of every year.
2. **Mapping** activities take place at every Forum when we collect information with our participants so that they can benefit from a complete list of potential collaborators.
3. **Academic Outreach** engages academics and researchers to promote research on Veterans and First Responders' health and well-being.
4. **Indigenous Advisory Circle** builds bridges and improves relations and services to First Nations, Métis, Inuit Veterans and first responders, their families, and communities.
5. **Women's Outreach** connects providers that support Women Veterans and First Responders, and recognises the intersectionality of being a woman, including 2SLBTQIA+, race, indigeneity, disability, etc.

Veterans' Homelessness

Veterans' Homelessness is a recurring issue we hear and learn about at all our Respect Forums across the country. Organizations such as: Homes for Heroes, Veterans' House Canada, Good Shepherd Ministries (Toronto ON) and the Centre of Clinical Excellence/Legion Veterans Village (Surrey BC) are making a positive impact by providing housing for Veterans. These are different housing models that provide excellent supported housing solutions. However, these models do not necessarily meet the needs of women veterans. Veterans' homelessness is a complex problem and needs to be approached with different supports and strategies.

A national registry of available supported housing resources for Veterans would be a positive step towards quantifying the infrastructure part of the solution.

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