







## Fund A Chair & Sponsor A Vet Project Description



### **VETERANS ANTIQUITIES**

#### Project Outline

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#### HOW IT WORKS

##### **DISABLED VETERANS**

Our target population is veterans who face great challenges transitioning back to civilian life. Our efforts focus on three areas of great concern; helping disabled vets, helping vets find employment and helping vets re-engage in community life. Our vets are challenged. They have been at war, many of them for years. Our goal is to provide respite and a caring, supportive healing environment. We intend to improve quality of life, build confidence through creativity, skill building and veteran centric friendship.

##### **VOLUNTEERS & MENTORS**

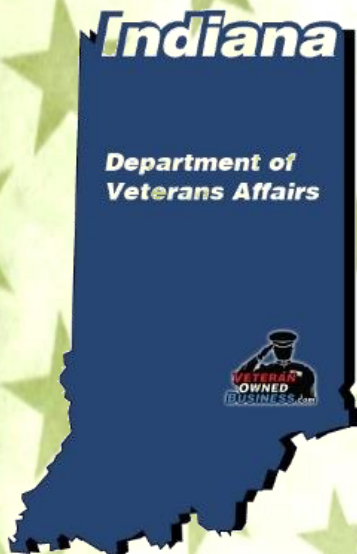
Volunteers and mentors assure our success. Most are veterans who donate time, dollars and energy. Each volunteer or mentor offers unique skills and passion for our project. They are focused on healing and helping. Their spirit and efforts help heal themselves as well as their comrades.



## Referral Agencies



**Department of  
Veterans Affairs**



## THE PROCESS

**Referrals:** Veterans are referred to us through local agencies and by word of mouth, friends and families. Our program actively recruits from established local, state and federal veterans programs who assist with disabilities, homelessness, re-entry, employment, education and rehabilitation.

**Assessment:** Each veteran participant will have a supportive assessment conducted in collaboration with referring agencies to discover how Veterans Antiquities can best support.

**Training Program:** This holistic goal setting process is worked out with a peer mentor partner that will help facilitate a positive strategy for success.

This will include:

- ◆ **Career Exploration & Pathways Planning**
- ◆ **Supportive Resource Strategies**

**Mentor & Support:** All of our veteran participants will have access to peer mentors & support. Both individual and group settings are available to help create a positive environment for success.

**Skill Certification:** Veterans Antiquities will be offering training programs:

- ◆ **General Workshop Skills (familiarization with basic tools, safety and techniques)**
- ◆ **Wood Work Training (Designing, Pattern Making and Assembly)**
- ◆ **Sewing Training (Designing, Pattern Cutting, Crafting)**
- ◆ **Veteran Peer Mentor Training**

**Placement Coaching & Ongoing Support:** Veterans will have access to mentor support and coaching to meet individual pathway goals. We emphasize the empowerment of the veteran to persevere and strive to achieve their personal, career or other goals through our program at Veterans Antiquities.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT & PARTNERSHIPS

We take a collaborative approach to helping our target veteran population. Our community support networks and partnerships help to reduce the duplication of services and streamline the process of helping veterans. We know from experience that reaching out to organizations that have a proven track record of success in their particular area of expertise will strengthen our efforts and improve program efficiencies.



### VSA Indiana Program Guidance & Collaboration

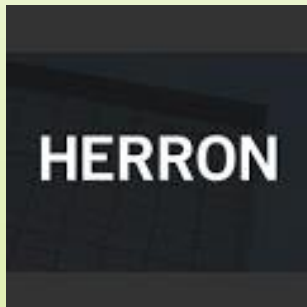
- Provide trained educators to instruct Veterans Antiquities Volunteers in working with a special needs population and the Arts.
- Accounting articulation agreement to provide the State and Federal tax benefits to all donors



### Goodwill Central Indiana

#### **Nation Wide sales exposure for all manufactured / assembled product**

- Provides Distribution expertise and product placement
- Products made by our workforce will be sold via the nationally @ connectedshopgoodwill.com



### Herron Art Therapy Program

#### **Art Therapy Assessment & Intervention**

- Identify key educational and therapeutic elements of the production process that may be enhanced by art therapist research and intervention



### Butler University MBA Program

#### **Program Research**

- Provides a cohort of graduate students conducting business analysis of Veteran Antiquities program design & sustainability.