

Marine Corps veteran Jessica McCue proudly served in the military for four years, but a back injury forced her to medically retire.

Settling into civilian life was harder than she imagined. Even with her bachelor's degree and having a job in the accounting department at a large corporation, Jessica was still struggling, and always worried about providing a stable life for her three kids.

After leaving an abusive marriage, where the divorce left her financially drained, Jessica did not see a future that was financially stable enough to buy a home and provide her kids. Then a friend told her about Operation Homefront's Permanent Homes for Veterans program. Jessica applied and was accepted into the program and awarded keys to her new home that will deed to her upon program graduation in approximately 2 years.

She has already put down roots in the area. She enjoys her job and she volunteers as a domestic violence victims advocate. Plus, her two oldest boys, will get to continue attending their current school in Vernon, New Jersey. Her youngest son started at a new school in the fall.

"I just want to say thank you for all this will do for us, for my credit, and my children," she said. "It's giving them more than the home but the ability to go to college without worrying about how things will be paid for. I just think of how much it will help us, how much I can build a future and give them a better life."

PROGRAM EFFICIENCY

expenditures go directly to programs

PERMANENT HOMES FOR VFTFRANS



OVERVIEW -

The Permanent Homes for Veterans program prepares veterans and their families for home ownership by providing a mortgage-free home and the opportunity to work directly with Operation Homefront caseworkers and financial counselors and learn how to prepare for homeownership.

Since the program began in 2012, over 700 families have entered the Permanent Homes for Veterans program. Of that group, over 600 families have graduated from the program and have been deeded their home, mortgage-free.

AT A GLANCE ———

Who is eligible

Costs covered by Operation Homefront

Costs covered by recipient

Operation Homefront one-on-one homeowner counseling services

Duration of homeowner counseling services

Value provided to military families since 2012

- · Non-home owning veterans or currently serving members of the Guard and Reserves
- · Supportive services
- · Case management
- · Home repairs
- · Property taxes
- · Homeowner association fees
- · Home warranty
- · Debt reduction and emergency savings
- · Credit score improvement
- · Homeownership guidance
- Community integration
- · Typically one to three years
- Over \$91 million in associated home equity

RESULTS —

FROM THE PROGRAM IN 2020

623 FAMILIES GRADUATED FAMILIES GRADUATED FROM THE PROGRAM SINCE 2012

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