

Illinois Valley Fuller Center for Housing

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Mission

To ensure that low-income veterans in the Tri-County Area are living in decent, safe and secure housing.

Vision

To continue to operate as an all-volunteer organization, with no paid staff and accepting no government funds; to continue to engage in fundraising activities to self-fund our projects; and to adhere to the grassroots principles set forth by our international organization's founders, Millard and Linda Fuller.



We make home repairs to veterans who own homes in the Tri-County Area, who are unable to do the work themselves, or cannot afford to do it. We have an application process, and maximum income guidelines apply.

We also provide services such as yard cleanups in the spring, and furnace safety checks in the fall. Examples of some of the repairs we have completed include security doors, handrails, steps, floors, ceilings and more. We also have replaced water heaters and repaired furnaces.

Once a veteran contacts us with a repair need, a volunteer construction coordinator visits the home and brings an application. The coordinator will inspect the home and see if the repair work needed is something we are able to do, and assist the veteran with filling out the application. After a review process, if the project is approved, it will be completed as time allows, usually within a few days, but sometimes broken up into segments if it is a larger project.

We use a number of fundraising events throughout the year to raise funds to complete these projects. We staff concession stands at the Peoria Civic Center for commission, and we created a series of shirts commemorating the Peoria skyline, as well as its status as the former Whiskey Capital of the World, which we sell at the Peoria Riverfront Market, Kickback On Fulton, and various other venues. We hold

three major fundraisers a year, and do accept contributions; however, we do not seek, nor accept government funds.

Since our founding in 2013, we have completed more than 130 repair projects and saved veterans over \$125,000. We have served veterans ranging from World War II through Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as many who served during times of peace. We are a covenant partner of the worldwide Fuller Center, headquartered in Americus, Georgia and founded by Millard and Linda Fuller in 2005.

Upcoming Events

Springdale Salute 5K
May 29, 2017
Lower Glen Oak Park
register.chronotrack.com/r/28280

Pasta For Patriots
November 4, 2017
1 Elks Dr., Peoria

Flapjack Fundraiser
April 2018

Springdale Salute 5K
May 28, 2018
Lower Glen Oak Park

How to Help

We are always looking for volunteers, and home repair experience isn't required, but it can be helpful. We also use volunteers to staff our fundraisers and the Peoria Civic Center concession stands. For more information on how to volunteer or donate, call our office at (309) 363-3737 or email info@ivfullercenter.org.

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