



**VFW** NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What does it cost to run the National Home and how is it funded?**

- A. It costs approximately 5.2 million a year to operate the National Home and it receives no state or federal funding.

### **What are residents charged to live at the National Home?**

- A. Residents live in a single family home completely free of charge. In addition, they also receive free childcare for children 5 and under. The burden of these two expenses alone is often a hindrance to a family moving forward towards their long term goals. The National Home's program lifts these burdens and allows families to focus on rebuilding their lives.

### **What is the National Home's population?**

- A: The National Home provides housing, case management services and educational services to military and veteran families. The age groups vary by family and there are typically 90 children and 50 parents living on campus.

### **Do the children who live at the National Home attend public school or is there a school on campus?**

- A: The children living at the Home attend public schools.

### **Does the National Home pay for medical and dental expenses?**

- A: Residents of the National Home are required to have some form of medical insurance and we also offer medical, dental, and vision assistance on an as-needed basis.

### **Do children at the National Home participate in extra-curricular activities?**

- A: The children have the opportunity to take part in many activities, both through the public school system and our on-campus programs. The Home offers many activities such as: 4-H club, Cool Beans life skill program, summer enrichment programs and piano lessons. Kids also have access to a full gymnasium, basketball court, baseball field, and many playgrounds.



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### **Do residents attend church?**

A: The families living at the National Home can choose to attend local area houses of worship.

### **Do you offer short term housing?**

A: Military & veteran families can live at the National Home for up to 4 years. Each situation is evaluated independently; please encourage any family in need to call us **800.313.4200**.

### **How do people qualify to live at the National Home?**

A: Individuals go through an application process that assesses their readiness to participate in the program. This process begins with a call to our Helpline at **800-313-4200**.

### **How many employee work at the National Home?**

A. At any given time we usually have about 50 Full-time equivalent employees. In addition to needing program staff to work with our families, we are essentially operating a small city. Our employee responsibilities range from maintaining the grounds of our 80 acre community to operating a state licensed daycare to providing education and recreation opportunities for all our residents 365 days a year.

### **Is there a waiting list to live at the National Home?**

A: No, there is not a waiting list and we are in fact currently accepting applications for resident families into our program. This once in a lifetime opportunity helps families and individuals strengthen and advance their talents, skills, relationships, financial situations, careers and much more. This opportunity is available because of veterans' service to our country and the VFW's commitment to "Honoring the dead by serving the living". Please encourage families in need in your community to contact us at **800.313.4200** or visit [www.vfwnationalhome.org/help](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org/help). Most families qualify to apply and our caring staff will help to determine eligibility.

### **What situations bring a family to the National Home?**

- Single or married parents that want to go back to school or skilled trades to better provide for their families
- Veterans and their families who have had a difficult time reintegrating to civilian life
- Single or married parents that have experienced financial difficulty due to job loss, foreclosure or bankruptcy