

“Just do the Work”

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“Just do the work.” It’s not about me! It’s a phrase I remind myself of when I’m confronted with situations, both good and bad. It’s also a phrase we all need to remember when we are in a place of service. Being raised by a mother who had little but gave so much, I saw the value of being an open-hearted giver. It’s not about the material or monetary rewards, it’s about the smile of someone who was in despair and is now full of hope because of kindness. Yes, we need money to sustain our livelihood, but the satisfaction of knowing that that you did something to prevent a suicide or a homelessness situation...that’s enough.

Recently, we were blessed by another generous giver, Mrs. Delores Barr Weaver. I met her and Mr. Wayne a few years ago at the Sulzbacher Center Open House. They had funded the Women Veterans Suites there, and we all took pictures together. She had such a gentle and humble spirit. Since that encounter, I’ve witnessed other projects she has supported. She even funded a case manager for us for three years; it was truly God-sent! We thought that was more than enough, and we were so grateful.

Just a few weeks ago, we were stunned to learn that she was going to fund a building we had been considering. At the time, we were in the middle of a capital fundraising campaign but were not making much progress. This angel stepped in and contributed \$500,000 so we could purchase the building without taking on a mortgage. Who does that?! It’s still processing within me, but this is why God keeps telling me to “Just do the work.” It is my marching order, and I will ensure this organization continues to be a haven for women who have served our country and for their children.

We are evolving and growing. We are motivated and ready to move forward into new territories and experiences. I hope you will continue to be a strong supporter of our work.

What do we need from you? Our new building will require a few modifications, including relining the parking lot, internal and external painting, landscaping, removing a couple of walls, and replacing some flooring, to name a few. We could really use your help.

We are also working to build a financial reserve. One day, we hope to establish a trust fund so we won’t have to depend entirely on state funding or grants. There are opportunities to pledge as little as \$10 a month, or to make a one-time donation of money, real estate, vehicles, or other items of value. You can even include us in your will or final wishes. There are many ways to support our work.

Don’t just tell us we are doing good work, show your support through your actions. We need you because more women; your daughters, nieces, cousins, grandchildren, or even your neighbors’ family members; are coming out of the military and may need assistance. Be a partner with us, and thank you for your continued support!