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New Beginnings Receives Grant Award from Disabled Veterans National Foundation

(SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.) – New Beginnings is honored to announce it has received a grant from the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) for \$16,000, which will help to support the agency’s Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program. New Beginnings’ [SSVF Program](#) helps to prevent eviction and house homeless veterans and their families throughout Santa Barbara County.

Kristine Schwarz, Executive Director of New Beginnings said, “We are so very grateful to the foundation for their support of our community and for their commitment to serving our nation’s most vulnerable veterans.”

Joseph VanFonda (USMC Sgt.Maj. Ret.), CEO of the Disabled Veterans National Foundation said, “We are proud to support New Beginnings, as they continue to make a positive impact in veterans’ lives. We would like to congratulate and thank them for their commitment to assisting the men and women who served in defense of our country.”

Since 2013, New Beginnings has operated their SSVF Program, a program primarily funded through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, throughout Santa Barbara County. The goal of the national SSVF Program is to end veteran homelessness throughout the country. Services provided include housing stability counseling, rental payment assistance, employment support, landlord engagement, benefit acquisition, and short-term case management. Over the last eight years, New Beginnings has served over 1,000 veterans and their families and has provided close to \$1,000,000 in temporary financial assistance to veterans to help them to maintain or move into housing.

About the Disabled Veterans National Foundation:

Disabled Veterans National Foundation exists to provide critically needed support to disabled and at-risk veterans who leave the military wounded—physically or psychologically—after defending our safety and our freedom. DVNF achieves this mission by:

- Offering direct financial support to veteran organizations that address the unique needs of veterans, and whose missions align with that of DVNF.
- Providing supplemental assistance to homeless and low-income veterans through the Health & Comfort program and various empowerment resources.
- Providing an online resource database that allows veterans to navigate the complex process of seeking benefits that they are entitled to as a result of their military service, as well as additional resources they need.



- Serving as a thought leader on critical policy issues within the veteran community and educating the public accordingly.

About New Beginnings:

New Beginnings provides quality, affordable counseling, shelter, case management and education that strengthens our community and provides our clients with the ability to lead healthy and productive lives. New Beginnings, located at 324 East Carrillo Street, Suite C, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, please contact our development department at (805) 963-7777 x112 or visit our website at <https://sbnbcc.org/>.