



## Mission & Core Values

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Everyone for Veterans empowers veterans to lead healthy and fulfilled lives by providing them with resources, support, and comprehensive dental care.



## **Core Values**

- Service: Each day, we make intentional decisions and take action to benefit others.
- Compassion: We are committed to compassionately serving veterans with empathy, respect, and dignity.
- Gratitude: We approach every day from a position of gratitude, being thankful for the opportunity to serve those who have served and sacrificed so much.
- Community: We believe in including the community in the care of veterans and creating caring communities where veterans feel like they belong.
- Respect: We value everyone and treat people with dignity and professionalism.





#### **WHO WE ARE**

We are a catalyst for community connection. We partner with businesses, individuals, and community champions to make a difference in the lives of veterans and their families.

#### **WHO WE SERVE**

We serve veterans and their spouses who are experiencing financial hardship, have completed at least one enlistment period, and have been honorably discharged. We provide services to individuals regardless of race, ethnic origin, religion, language capability, gender, age, or disability.

#### WHAT WE DO

We work in concert with civilians and professionals to provide free comprehensive dental care, goods, and services, to eligible veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their spouses.

Oral health impacts overall physical and mental health. Veterans living in poverty are more likely to experience oral health issues and without access to dental care, many find themselves trapped in their circumstances. This is why our relational and comprehensive approach to dental care is so impactful and transformative for the veterans that we serve.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

In the coming year, Everyone for Veterans is embarking on an ambitious mission to enhance support for our nation's heroes. The significant expansion of eligibility guidelines in 2023, eliminating the combat veteran qualification, has resulted in an overwhelming demand for our programs and services. To meet this need, we plan to:

- Strategically expand our network of partnering dental providers, ensuring broader accessibility to essential oral health care services.
- Collaborate with more dental schools, engaging them to address the specific needs of veterans within their local communities.
- Actively promote outreach and advocacy initiatives, seeking and welcoming additional champions to join our mission. Through these deliberate efforts, E4V is dedicated to continuing its vital role in serving those who have selflessly served our country.

## Meet Our Team: 2023

Our staff and leadership are passionate advocates dedicated to serving veterans and cherishing their unique experiences. Comprising a diverse group, we are united by a common purpose—improving the lives of those who have served our nation. Our team includes dentists committed to dental health, veterans with first-hand knowledge, veteran spouses, veteran children, and civilians driven by a shared mission.



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## Transforming Lives, One Smile at a Time: Matthew's Journey with E4V and Dr. Danahy



Meet Matthew, a resilient Army veteran who served as a combat engineer in Iraq, specializing in landmine removal. Transitioning back to civilian life presented its challenges for Matthew, but he faced them with unwavering positivity.

Despite his optimistic outlook, Matthew's dental health had taken a toll. He hadn't had a cleaning since 2010, and the nightly grinding of his teeth had caused significant wear. The gap between his front teeth affected his self-esteem, making it difficult for him to chew properly.

A recent encounter at his gym, his cherished "place of zen," left him disheartened, with hurtful remarks about his appearance echoing in his mind. Determined to reclaim his best self, Matthew reached out for help. His search led him to Everyone for Veterans. Expressing his frustration with the lack of dental care from the VA, Matthew emphasized the importance of oral health and thanked E4V for stepping up to the plate when he needed it most.

Our team paired Matthew with Dr. Danahy, a compassionate dentist located just a short drive away. Dr. Danahy and her team embarked on a journey of restorative care, Invisalign, and veneers to bring back Matthew's smile and confidence. For Matthew, this was a dream come true, and each step of the process was met with care and painless precision.

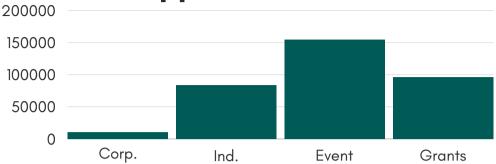
Following his treatment, Matthew expressed his gratitude, saying, "This had been a life dream, having veneers and Invisalign. Each step was with care, and painless; everything was smooth sailing...it was life-changing! I want to thank E4V and Dr. Danahy and all LM staff for their care and compassion."

Dr. Danahy expressed her happiness in providing this service, "It was a wonderful experience! Matthew was a great patient. He was so kind and grateful during the whole process; it was truly a joy getting to work with him. I am so happy we were able to provide this service for him, he is very deserving."

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to Dr. Danahy and her team for being a pillar of compassion. Matthew's new smile doesn't just light up a room; it symbolizes the transformative power of kindness and care.

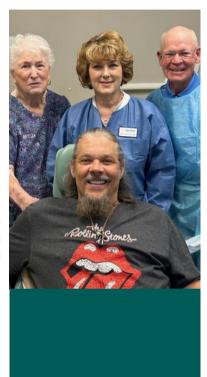
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## **Revenue Support**



#### 2023 Financial Summary

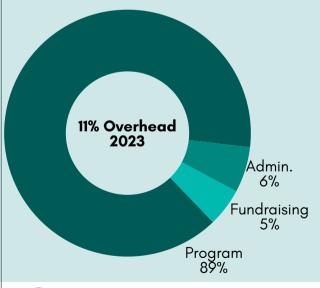
Total Revenue: \$389,810.53 Total Expenses: \$278,408.36 Donated Services: \$329,300.00



## Serving Those Who Have Served

In 2023, Everyone for Veterans facilitated nearly \$335,000.00 in services, support, and comprehensive dental care to veterans and their families across 40 states.





Everyone for Veterans believes in financial accountability and transparency. By sharing information about our financial activities, we demonstrate a commitment to responsible stewardship of resources. We are deeply grateful for the continued support from our dedicated community, whose generosity has propelled our mission forward, enabling us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of veterans and their families.



## 😿 Volunteer Impact

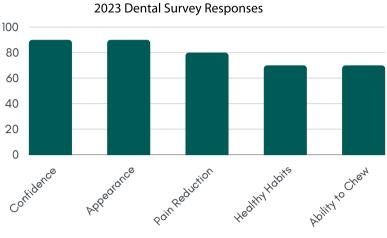
E4V's dedicated volunteers served more than 1,570 Hours this year. That's a value of more than \$49,900.00 poured back into our local communities!

## **2023 Program Overview**



## Top 5 Quality of Life

Improvements



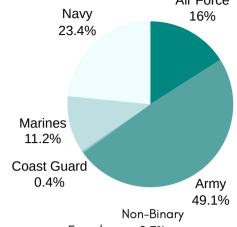
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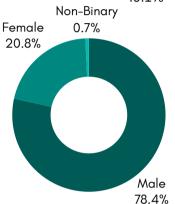
Veterans and their spouses are invited to complete an anonymous survey following their comprehensive dental treatment. The quotes below are responses from our 2023 Program Survey.

- "I believe that your organization is doing a great service for our veterans. Who knows what type of life I'd be living without your help? I'm very grateful for all of your efforts what a great organization."
- "Keep doing what you're doing!"
- "I'm very grateful for E4V. I couldn't have afforded it on my own."



#### Meet Our Veterans









331 Served

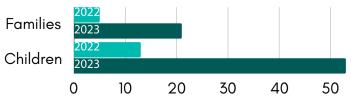
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82% Veterans 18% Spouses and Children

62% Increase in the number of people served compared to 2022.



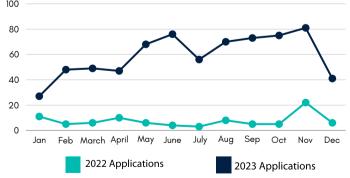
### Holiday Gift Program





60

### Applications by Month



"Without E4V, I would never have been able to get my smile back." -Rhonda, E4V Veteran Spouse

## Everyone for Veterans Championing Change: Veteran Statistics and Milestones in Veteran Advocacy



Less than

15%

of veterans are eligible to receive VA dental benefits.



Nearly

40%

of rural veterans have or need dentures.



Nearly

1 in 5

veterans have heart disease, double that of non-veterans.



More than

35%

of rural veterans rate their oral health as "poor".



More than

44%

of veterans had tooth pain last year but could not see a dentist.



More than

1 in 4

veterans live with PTSD, anxiety, and depression.

#### **2017**

- E4V was founded on January 6, 2017, to serve combat veterans and their spouses.
- The Washington State Dep. of Veterans Affairs recognizes Dr. Theresa Cheng and E4V with the Outstanding Service to Veterans Superior Service Award.
- Jen Shelton becomes E4V's first employee.

#### **2018**

- More than 400 volunteer dentists join our national network of providers.
- University of Iowa College of Dentistry becomes E4V's first partnering dental school.

#### **2019**

 Dr. Theresa Cheng earned the 2019 UW Award of Excellence for outstanding public service.

#### 2020

 We are faced with the challenges of a global pandemic. Dental offices are mandated to close across that nation. E4V is proud to report that not a single provider withdrew from our program during this time of adversity.

### **2021**

- E4V is awarded the 2021 BBB Spark Award.
- Dr. Theresa Cheng, D.D.S., is honored as the recipient of the 2021 American Dental Association Humanitarian Award.
- E4V hires its first Executive Director.
- E4V receives its 1,000th veteran application.

#### 2022

- E4V's volunteer dentists hit a major milestone, providing more than \$1 million in cummulative comprehensive dental services to veterans and their spouses across the nation.
- E4V receives the Fisher Service Award for Military Community Service.
- E4V's Board of Directors unanimously votes to expand eligibility guidelines in 2023 to include all qualified veterans, removing the combat status requirement.



## A Message from our Executive Director, Jessica Elwell

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Dear Friends of E4V,

As we reflect on this past year, I am delighted to share the incredible strides Everyone for Veterans has made in our mission to provide comprehensive dental care and support for veterans and their families. It is with gratitude that I share a few of my favorite highlights from this last year:

- Our outreach efforts have yielded remarkable results, with a staggering 595% increase in veteran applications. This surge demonstrates the growing awareness and trust in our commitment to supporting our nation's heroes.
- Through the generosity of our partners, in-kind dental donations increased by 35%, resulting in nearly \$330,000.00 in comprehensive dental care for our veterans. This tangible impact would not have been possible without the collaborative efforts of our supporters and volunteer dental providers.
- I am also proud to share that E4V received the prestigious 2023 Classy Award for Social Innovation, recognizing our innovative approaches in addressing the dental care needs of veterans.

As we look ahead, we are encouraged and determined to build upon these accomplishments. Our commitment to providing comprehensive dental care for veterans remains unwavering, and we look forward to even greater achievements in 2024. Would you like to join our mission? There are several ways that you can get involved:

- 1. Partner: Without the generosity of individual champions and businesses, our mission to provide crucial services and support to veterans would be impossible. Your financial contribution, whether one-time, monthly, or as a corporate sponsor, directly fuels our ability to address the extraordinary challenges faced by those who have served our nation. Consider joining our endowment to create a lasting impact for generations to come.
- 2. **Volunteer**: Become a vital part of building stronger communities and supporting our veterans in practical ways. Your time and effort can truly make a difference.
- 3. **Join**: Our Board of Directors and Ambassador Corps are actively seeking passionate individuals who share our dedication to advancing the mission of Everyone for Veterans.

Together, let's stand united for our veterans. Your support is the key to shaping a brighter future for those who have selflessly served our nation. On behalf of the entire E4V team, I extend heartfelt thanks to our partners, volunteers, and champions who have played an integral role in moving our mission forward.

With gratitude,

*V* Jessica Elwell Executive Director





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# Thank You

As we close the Everyone for Veterans 2023 Annual Report, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible community of donors, sponsors, volunteers, and champions. Your unwavering support has been the driving force behind our mission, and we are profoundly thankful for the difference you've made in the lives of veterans. It is truly a joy to partner with each and every one of you, and we are excited about the new opportunities that lie ahead for collaboration and service in the coming year. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of those who have served our nation. Thank you for your commitment, generosity, and dedication to the E4V mission.

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