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Hope-Filled Organization:



Since 1993, over 2,500 women have come to the Dominican Literacy Center to learn to read, write and speak English. Many of these women had little or no education in their home countries, but they know that, to succeed in their new country, it is necessary for them to English.

We believe that individual tutoring by learn trained volunteers is an excellent way to impart language instruction. Our trained volunteers help each woman to understand her strengths and weaknesses, and to use those strengths to learn English. The outcome of this tutoring program is women who can communicate and participate totally in their families, their communities, and their workplaces. At the Dominican Literacy Center, we believe that each woman has a right to have a voice in her new country, and we help her find that unique voice. To view and listen to a 2 minute video, click on this link: [ESL \(English as a Second Language\) | Dominican Literacy Center](#) and then scroll down to the "Listen to One of Our Students."



Part of the mission of the Dominican Literacy Center is to assist women and men who are studying to take the naturalization test and to become informed and participative U.S. citizens.

Becoming a U.S. citizen is not an easy task. Those who have been a legal, permanent resident for five years or more may apply to become a naturalized citizen--then the studying begins. Applicants must learn facts about civics, U.S. history, and government structure. They must also read, write and speak English.

The path to becoming a new U.S. citizen is long and sometimes intimidating. Volunteers and staff members provide two 12-week semesters of group classes to provide explanation, reinforcement and practice. Volunteers work individually with those who are scheduled to take their naturalization test. Adult students study long and hard to pass this difficult test. To learn more about the Dominican Literacy Center, click on this link: [Aurora, Illinois | Dominican Literacy Center](#) and then Click to Watch Our Legacy Video.

Hope-Filled Organization:



Our Mission: The Center for Veterans Issues, Inc. provides housing and supportive services to help improve the quality of life for ALL Veterans, their families, and the communities in which they live and serve.

Our Vision: The Center for Veterans Issues strives to be the premiere Veteran Resource Organization that helps end homelessness across Wisconsin and the United States.

History of CVI: The Center for Veterans Issues, Inc. was born out of longstanding frustration with a range of negative factors confronting veterans returning from the Vietnam War. After many years of trying to work through a number of efforts and institutions, the Center was founded as a way of providing a consistent, professional, effective, and replicable means of moving beyond the advocacy and addressing problems harming low-income veterans and their families.

Base Core Customer & Impact: Helping any Veteran in need is at the core of the Center for Veterans Issues' service offerings. Providing comprehensive services from CVI directly or via our partners, improves quality of life. CVI believes that striving to improve the quality of life for Veterans also improves the lives of their families. A ripple effect is created where these Veterans and their families become valued members of the communities in which they live, which in turn strengthens our state and nation.



How CVI Assisted Veteran and Her Children

Alahna needed support for both her family life with her children and their needs along with wraparound services. Read how CVI came into her life. Click on this link: [CVI-Ms-Parker-story.pdf \(cvivet.org\)](#)

Other Projects/Programs Offered by CVI



The Heroes Market Program is designed to help address food insecurities that our Veterans and their families are experiencing.



[Heroes Market | The Center for Veterans Issues \(cvivet.org\)](https://www.cviet.org)

Vets Place Central: Renovation & Expansion Project



Vets Place Central is located at 3330 W. Wells Street. Currently accommodating 74 veterans in shared rooms designed for single occupancy, Vets Place Central has been a vital resource for the community for nearly three decades.

In 2022, CVI announced plans to renovate and expand Vets Place Central, which serves homeless veterans or those at risk of becoming homeless.

With the redevelopment plans, the facility will undergo extensive renovations and a four-story addition, granting each veteran their own private room while creating improved community spaces for receiving comprehensive support services.

Hope-Filled Organization:



Welcome to the Starfish Foundation

The Starfish Foundation was founded in 1998 as the Starfish Center in Madison, Wisconsin with the mission of promoting individual empowerment, wholeness and personal growth in a safe, inclusive community.

Today, the Foundation is located in Milwaukee, WI and continues to help trauma survivors find healing and support.

Our Mission: To assist emotional trauma survivors to release their grief, rage and shame; and allow joy, productivity and prosperity back into their and their families' lives.

Primary Goal: To offer transformative Healing Warrior Hearts retreats for veterans, facilitating emotional healing. We provide these retreats and other veterans' programs, at no cost to the veterans, by securing funding through donations, grants, and other resources.

We also offer scholarships for the Taking It Lightly and Renewal programs for trauma survivors, ensuring accessibility for all individuals seeking emotional healing and trauma recovery.

The Starfish Story

It was still early.

The mist had not yet cleared from the sea.

In the distance, a solitary figure stood throwing objects out over the water.

Walking along the debris-strewn beach, I looked at the masses of starfish scattered everywhere.

The tide had thrown them in, stranding them on the beach.

As the sun rose higher, they would perish.

Approaching the stranger, I could see that it was the starfish he was picking up and returning to the sea.

Our eyes met.

"Do you really think you can help?

There are millions of starfish on this beach.

You can help so few.

Does it really make a difference?

Does it matter?"

He reached down and picked up another starfish, looking at it intently.

"Oh yes," he replied.

"It matters to this one!"



To learn more about this organization, click on this link: [Starfish Foundation | Emotional Healing | Milwaukee WI](#)

Hope-Filled Organization:



Our mission

We are co-creating community conditions that are fair and just to drive high levels of health and well-being for all.

We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to be their best self and live their best lives. Together, we are building a legacy of well-being.

Well-being starts with **WE**.

- **We** conduct a bi-annual resident health and well-being survey.
- **We** share that data with our community.
- **We** work with network partners to identify and co-create innovative solutions to improve health and well-being.
- **We** work to amplify the ideas that are most effective at creating sustained change.

Our individual health and well-being are largely determined by the community we live in. Place matters.

Our zip code is a greater predictor of our health and life expectancy than our genetic code. Up to 80% of what makes us healthy and well is determined in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, places of worship and jobs. It is influenced by our policies and our community structures. By improving our community, we can directly improve the health of its residents.

The Greater Green Bay Community

Our work and initiatives support communities within and surrounding the City of Green Bay and throughout Brown County, Wisconsin. From urban to rural, bikes to food, we strive to improve the health and well-being of every neighborhood, every sector, and every person.



To learn more about Wello, click on this link and scroll down to the first 2 minute video: [Why Wello – Wello](#)

The Arts:

Susan Boyle – I Had a Dream



This video has lifted the spirits of millions of people around the world.

The most famous audition in history, viewed by millions within days - Susan Boyle on Britain's Got Talent, 2009.

To listen to and watch the video of her audition, click on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mS5Om47vsaA>

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