



## A Brief History - 2021

General Needs Ltd. is an **all-volunteer**, 501(C)(3) non-profit supporting homeless veteran's and veterans in need on since 2008. General Needs currently supports the veterans housed in emergency and transitional housing facilities throughout the New York Tri-State area.

In 2008, we supported about 45 veterans approximately 3-4 times per year at the Northport VA Emergency Shelter on the Northport VA Medical Center campus. This was a "Sherman Family" out of pocket project, and we provided as the budget allowed.

In 2015, General Needs became a 501(C)3 and we have continued to grow and evolve. Our initial program was to provide NEW monthly "Distributions with Dignity" seasonally rotated clothing, footwear, toiletries and other necessary general basic living needs items to the veterans we serve.

As we gain experience and follow these vulnerable veterans through their journey, we have added the following projects:

- Veterans Day Boot Project: New winter waterproof boots and thermal socks
- Holiday Coat and Gift Project: New winter coat, ski gloves and other winter cold weather gear
- Handmade Crocheted/Knitted Blankets: New Blankets created and donated by local guilds.
- New Full-Sized Beds and Household Items: Mattress, Box Spring, Frame, Mattress Protector, Delivery and Set-up. In addition, we supply small kitchen and bathroom needs: microwave, coffee maker, dishes, glasses, silverware, can opener, shower curtain, towels, bathmat etc. All the things that make a house, a home!
- Veteran Back to Work" Project: Steel Toe Boots and work uniforms needed to start apprenticeship positions in the construction job market.

In March 2020, due to COVID-19, General Needs pivoted from monthly "Distributions with Dignity" to weekly restaurant meals delivered to the shelters. This supported the local restaurants AND shelter bound veterans. From March thru June General Needs provided 4,000+ meals to our "core" shelters.

We have since re-started our monthly "Distributions with Dignity" and our veterans we happy to see us!

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Our 2020 Veterans Day Boots Project provided 1,110+ NEW Winter waterproof boots and Thermal Socks to 15 locations that stretched from Riverhead to Brooklyn as well as to two shelters in New Jersey and one in Connecticut.

Our 2020 Holiday Coats and Gift Project providing 800+ New winter coats, 815+ Wrapped Gifts that included new Ski Gloves, Knit Hat, Scarf/Glove Set, Pajamas with a holiday “Thank you for your service” card.

General Needs supports **Long Island Cares** Veterans Initiative as well as **Homes for the Brave** Veteran facilities in Connecticut for male and female veterans.

“General Needs brings a high demand product for our veterans that is appropriate for the season”

**Michael Hayes - Long Island Cares Director of Government Affairs and Veteran’s Services.**

During our monthly Distribution events, General Needs also provides dinner and a neighborhood atmosphere of friendship and camaraderie.

“What General Needs has done for us is to cloth, feed and give comfort to our veterans who are desperately in need”.

**Ed Olsen - Director of United Veterans Beacon House**

Here are our 2019 and 2020 totals and a summary of our year over year activities:

	<u>2019 Totals</u>	<u>2020 Totals</u>
Distributions with Dignity	3,683	2,021
Boots & Thermal Socks	1,000	1,110+
Coats (Adult & Children’s)	720	800+
Meals	1,224	4,000+ COVID Meals
Beds & Household	34	54
Handmade Blankets	200	200
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Totals	6,861	8,175

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### **Veterans Day Boots Project History**

Christmas 2014	1 Location	45 Veterans Served
Veterans Day 2015	6 Locations	380 Veterans Served
Veterans Day 2016	25 Locations	750 Veterans Served
Veterans Day 2017	12 Locations	840 Veterans Served
Veterans Day 2018	15 Locations	1000 Veterans Served
Veterans Day 2019	15 Locations	1,200 Veterans Served
<b>Veterans Day 2020</b>	<b>13 Locations</b>	<b>1,110 Veterans Served (COVID)</b>

### **Christmas Coat & Holiday Gift Project History**

Christmas 2014	1 Location	45 Veterans Served
Christmas 2015	6 Locations	171 Veterans Served
Christmas 2016	20 Locations	450 Veterans Served
Christmas 2017	12 Locations	600 Veterans Served + 100 Children's Coats.
Christmas 2018	15 Locations	600 Veterans Served + 120 Children's Coats.
Christmas 2019	15 Locations	750 Veterans Served + 150 Children's Coats.
<b>Christmas 2020</b>	<b>12 Locations</b>	<b>800+ Veterans Served + 150 Children's Coats</b>

We hope this provides you with the information needed to move forward with a discussion on how we can work together and support these veterans in need in 2021!

Sincerely,

Susan Sherman

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