



## Volunteers of America/Country House Restaurant “Feast” Our Veterans Initiative

Thank you ever so much for your interest in helping “feast” our Veterans in need! Rather than merely feeding them our outreach is much more focused on honoring and thanking them for their service, or “feasting” them as we like to say.

Since 1896, VOA Illinois has been serving the individuals, families, and communities who need it most, when they need it most. Today, VOA Illinois provides more than just a home to over 1,000 individuals. VOA Illinois provides a new beginning to Veterans and their families, a bright future to children in foster care, and a better quality of life for the elderly and adults with disabilities.

VOA built and operates three housing developments in Illinois for Veterans and their families. Hope Manor I in West Humboldt Park, Hope Manor II in Englewood, and Hope Manor Joliet in Joliet. Through these properties they provide a home to more than 220 Veterans and their families, offering case management, employment training, substance abuse support, mental health resources, counseling, children’s enrichment, and more.

Since 1972 Country House remains at its core an Independent Family Restaurant that is part of its community fabric. While the restaurant is still home base, today we operate more than 20 scratch kitchens throughout Chicago, which are focused on providing restaurant quality home cooked, nutritious meals to K-12 schools, colleges and universities. We never sacrifice the quality of both our food and our genuine partnerships.

Working in many Catholic, Private and Public Schools we pride ourselves on being the best partner financially to the schools as well as the most desirable and nutritious to their students. We give back more than we take, and we are humbled to serve our community. Walk in and you are family and will be valued as such!

With this in mind, we make sure that the Veterans who we are proud to serve do not see this as just a “free meal” or hand out. It is a well-earned feast that allows them (together with their family) to retain their dignity as well as pride in knowing that their sacrifice remains essential to our country.

Through any gift you give, we aim to give our Veterans the same experience they would get when walking into our restaurant/home! This is so they realize this feast was not put together as an afterthought but was lovingly made by people who care that they enjoy every morsel. People who appreciate what they have given through their military service. We only desire they can break bread as a family, laugh and spend cherished moments around the table together.

In the menu/dishes we make and serve the Veterans everything is homemade, freshly prepared, and the same quality as the meals we have served for over 48 years at Country House, and at our homes with our families. Whether we have our chefs whip up a Sunday night spaghetti and meatball dinner with fresh marinara, garlic bread, salad and dessert or a prime rib feast for an unforgettable holiday dinner, we can tailor make amazing and delicious foods at an extreme value and at any reasonable donation level.

Your donation will stretch further because it is managed efficiently between VOA Illinois and Country House. Plus, Country House is dedicated to this endeavor and has forgone traditional “margins”. In fact, Country House and its owners personally donate to VOA Illinois and have committed to regularly “feast” the Veterans and their families at Hope Manor Joliet both during the pandemic and going forward. We need the help to “feast” more frequently!

We thank you for your interest and we look forward to the honor of providing home cooking to many more deserving Veterans through your contribution if you decide to place your trust in us. We are dedicated to making you proud knowing that your contribution made many Veterans and their families feel as special as they have proven to be. Help them FEAST!



## Volunteers Of America/Country House Restaurant “Feast” Our Veterans Initiative

- \*Make your Fully Exempt Charitable Contribution Directly to VOA a 501-(c) 3
  - Specify “Restricted to Country House Initiative” in notes or on your check
  - VOA Tax #36-2723047
- \*Efficiency in use of funds--Your dollars stretch the furthest and feed the most!
- \*Help Country House feed more of VOA Illinois’ Veterans that live at Hope Manor I and Hope Manor II
- \*Allow our Veterans to hold their heads up and retain the dignity of providing for themselves and their families. They earned it we are just paying them back!
- \*Full, homemade, restaurant/home cooked quality meals 3-4 courses \$7-10/meal
- \*Huge variety and we know their favorites!
- \*Have our chefs customize a “Celebratory Meal” (Prime Rib, Easter Dinner, etc.)



## Donate by Mail or Phone

I am making a gift of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**With any donation, please note: Restricted to Country House "Feast our Veterans"**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you wish to use a credit card please complete the information below.

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## Mail to:

Volunteers of America of Illinois

Attn: Bridget Hickey

47 W. Polk Street, Suite 250

Chicago, IL 60605

Please make checks payable to **Volunteers of America of Illinois**, and **notate "Restricted to Country House Feast our Veterans in memo line."**

## To Donate by Phone:

Please call Paul Boundas at 708-267-8345

**Please check that your name and address are correct to ensure proper preparation for your tax receipts.**