



2022

Annual Report

Connecting
warriors and their
family members to
resources and
opportunities.





A message from Upstate Warrior Solution

In November 2022, Upstate Warrior Solution will celebrate a decade of serving our local veterans and their families. Ten years ago, we set out to connect with warriors, lead them through the process of self-empowerment, and inspire the community to embrace them as valuable neighbors. To date, we've connected with over 8,500 warriors, provided services for the prevention of unemployment, suicide, and homelessness, and built a robust network of partners who holistically support our warriors' transition into civilian life.

I'm pleased to share that later this year our work will begin a new phase with the opening of the Rupert Huse Veteran Center. This innovative space will bring a range of partners under one roof for a one-stop shop for veteran services. Read more about our efforts to support this exciting new project on Page 7.

We could not be more honored to serve our warriors nor more eager to see what the next decade brings as we partner together to ensure our veterans have the resources needed to thrive in our community!

With gratitude,
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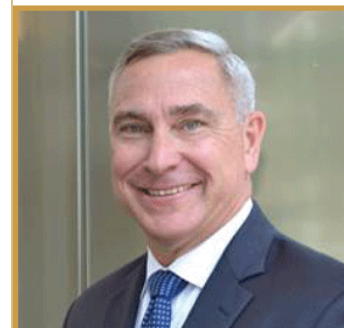
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MASTIN ROBESON, UWS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

2021

Outcomes & Impact

Since 2013, we've connected to over 8,500 warriors, providing supportive services and creative solutions to help them meet their most pressing needs and goals in life. This work is sustained by ongoing community support. Together, we are restoring purpose and renewing hope for our warriors and their families. Here's what we accomplished in 2021:



1,317

TOTAL WARRIORS
SERVED



234

FAMILIES
SERVED

RESTORING PURPOSE



Ryan Flynn faced two common hurdles for veterans transitioning out of the military: Translating his military experience for civilian recruiters and connecting with decision-makers who understand the value veterans bring to the workforce. Activating our network of resources and partnerships, we helped Ryan hone his resume, meet pro-veteran employers, and ultimately become the special assistant to the president of Young Office, a position they created for him.

“There’s a lot of trepidation when a guy like me gets out of the military after 20 plus years.

I had no college degree and didn’t know how to communicate the experience that I had. UWS really got to know me and gave me the opportunity to meet the right people, people who trust UWS. This opened doors for me. To veterans working with UWS through their transition, trust the process; it works. -Ryan Flynn



RENEWING HOPE

Marine Corps veteran Rich Huggins and his wife moved to the Upstate to gain better access to VA healthcare. On a fixed income, they purchased a 103-year-old home and slowly worked through repairs. Leaking windows and no heating made the winter of 2021 brutal. Space heaters were ineffective and only increased their energy bill. After completing the window repairs, they approached us for assistance with the HVAC. Our team coordinated efforts with American Veteran AC and AMEC, LLC to surprise

the couple with a new HVAC system, moisture barrier installation, and electrical repairs all completed pro bono.

The impact UWS has had on our lives was huge. With Parkinson's Disease, stress plays an important part of your overall wellbeing. Being cold all the time was one of our major stressors. UWS put together a wonderful team to help us. It was more than we could ever have imagined. -Rich Huggins



231

HOUSING
SERVICES



230

HEALTHCARE
SERVICES



209

BASIC NEEDS
ASSISTANCE



348

RECREATION
SERVICES



65

LEGAL
ASSISTANCE



108

FAMILY
SERVICES



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BENEFITS
ASSISTANCE



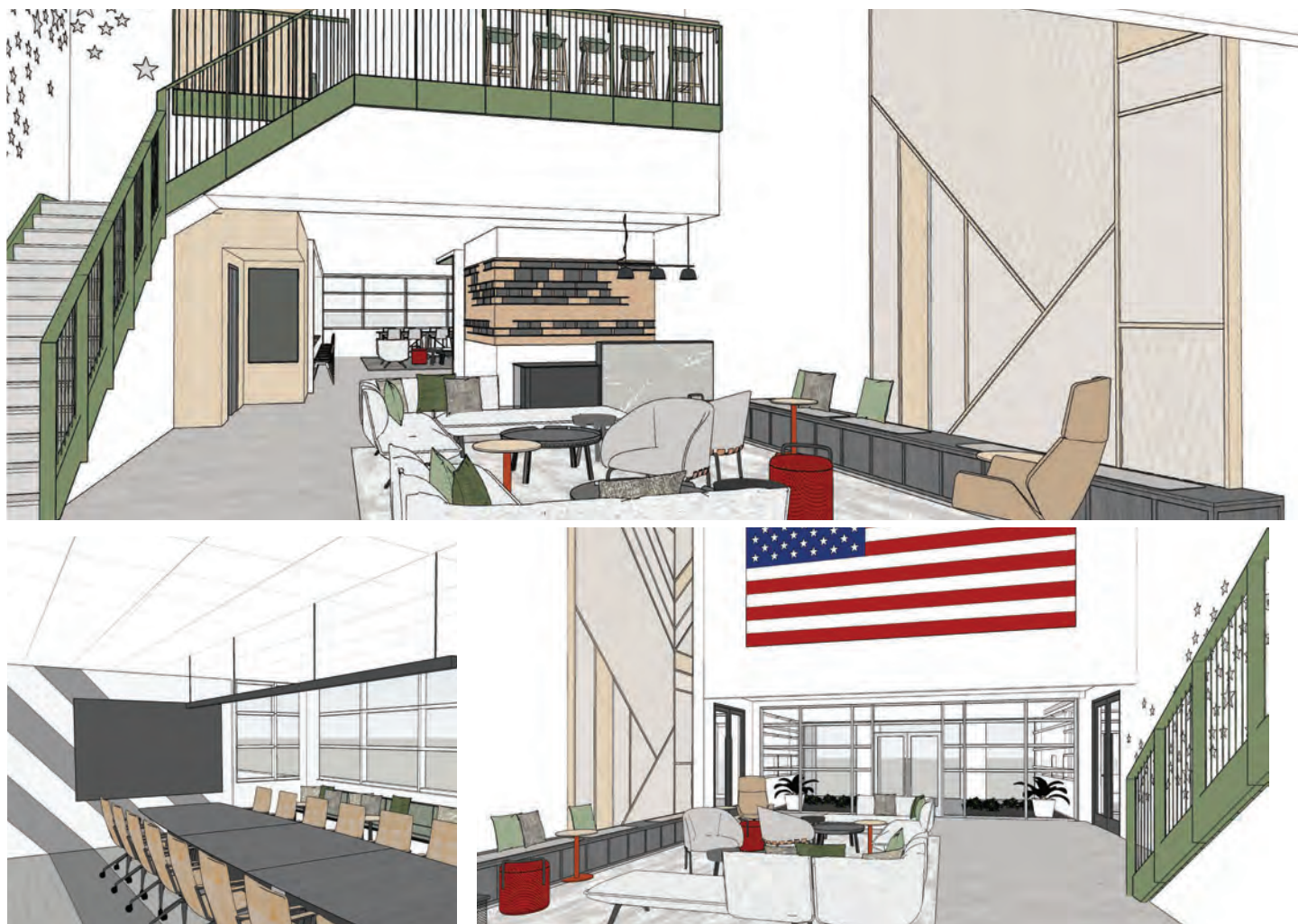
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WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



Rupert Huse Veteran Center

Opening 2022!



For a decade, UWS has served our local veterans and their families. Duplicating nothing and partnering with everyone, we have built a robust network to partner with us in our mission of serving our community's veterans. The Rupert Huse Veteran Center, opening later this year, will take this collaborative approach to a new level.

The first of its kind in South Carolina, this innovative center will be a hub of veteran services. Public, private, and nonprofit partners will join forces with a united goal: creating a welcoming and accessible space for all Upstate veterans.

“On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind. As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind. -Dan Lipinski

Every day, UWS strives to embody this principle. Serving our nation's veterans is our duty and honor.
Will you join our commitment to leaving no veteran behind?

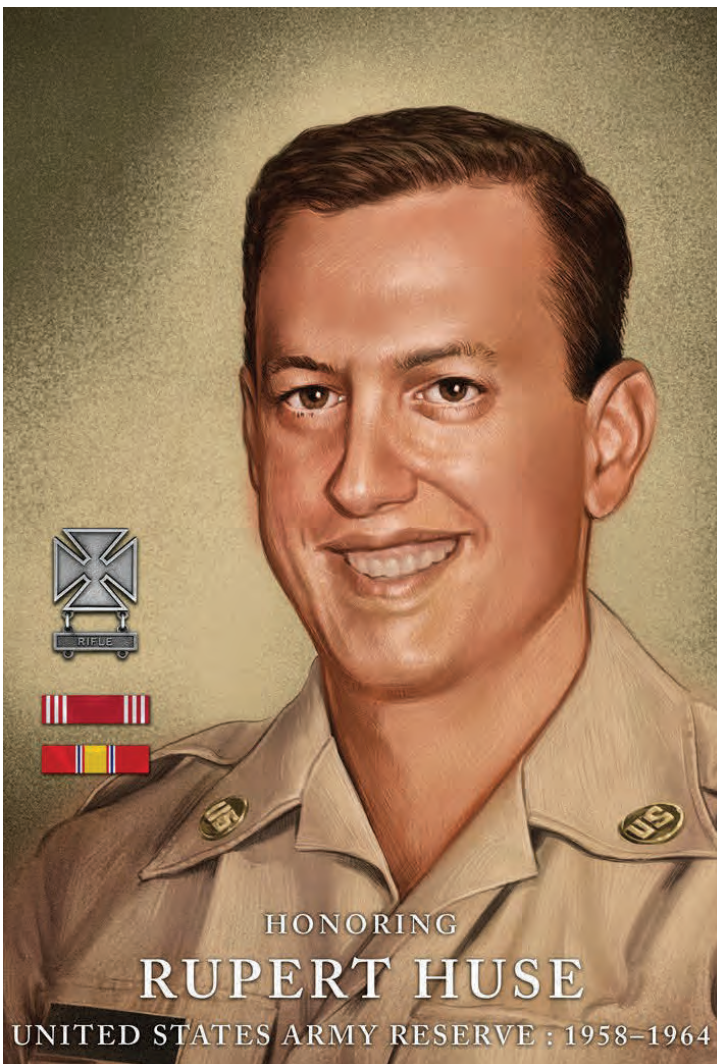
Rupert Huse

LEGACY



Rupert Huse was born in Staten Island, New York in 1935. In 1956, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Union College in Schenectady, New York, after attending on a swimming scholarship. That same year, Mr. Huse began his professional career of 32 years with New York Telephone Company, living in New York City throughout this time.

In 1958, Mr. Huse volunteered to serve in the US Army Reserves. He entered basic training and served at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and later as a member of the Army Signal Corps at Fort Meade, Maryland. He was married for 42 years to Mary Moore Horton Huse, a Concord, North Carolina native who he met in New York. She was a longtime social worker for the City of New York in the Foster Grandparent Program. In 1998, the Huses moved to Greenville, South Carolina to be near their daughter and her family.



Before his passing in 2020, Mr. Huse established the Rupert Huse Charitable Fund to benefit the people and causes that he held near to his heart. In recognition of the high regard that Mr. Huse held for U.S. veterans, his daughter Dorothy Dowe, and son-in-law, Steve Dowe, chose to honor Rupert Huse through a leadership gift to Upstate Warrior Solution for the creation of the Rupert Huse Veteran Center.

“My husband, Steve, and I are pleased to pay tribute to my father, Rupert Huse, who served honorably in the U.S. Army as he was starting his career and family. Dad evolved to love his time in the military and held tremendous respect for our country's veterans throughout his life. We are excited to see Upstate Warrior Solution use this gift to create a center to serve our local veterans and their families. -Dorothy Dowe



Justice-Involved Veteran Outreach Program

Generating Stability Through Collaboration

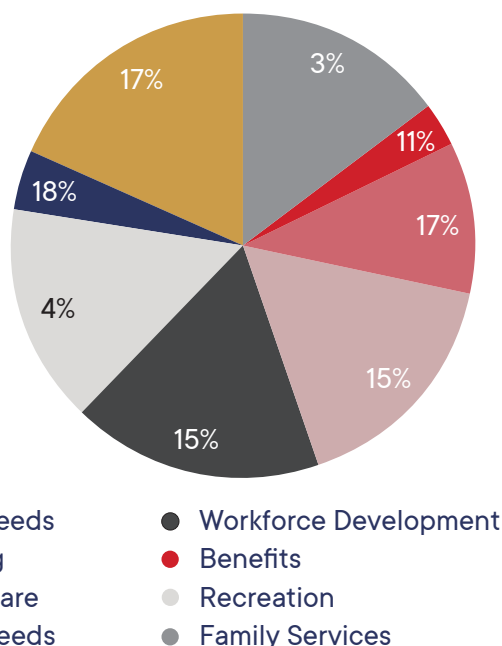
For veterans, transitioning back into civilian life is a complicated process. The psychological burdens of war combined with the pressure of adapting to civilian life can result in emotional distress and poor judgment. For some, this can lead to substantial life disruptions, including incarceration. Our Justice-Involved Veteran Outreach Program seeks to bridge the gap for these warriors through government and community collaboration.

UWS is in every detention center in the five Upstate counties working with law enforcement, Veteran Treatment Courts, as well as probation, pardon, and parole services in Greenville, Pickens, and Spartanburg Counties. In 2021, the program took a major step forward with the hire of a full-time JIVO Advocate, Zachary Goff.

A post 9/11 Army veteran and UWS Fellowship Program graduate, Goff spends his days coordinating care for justice-involved veterans. He visits detention centers, serves as a mentor for veterans in treatment court, and responds to referrals from law enforcement before an arrest even takes place. “If we can increase the veteran’s stability by addressing their needs early, we have the best chance of preventing incarceration,” Goff says.

Goff brings a unique perspective and passion to his work. “Formerly a justice-involved veteran myself, I’ve transformed my own life with the help of programs geared towards helping veterans dealing with these types of issues,” he says. “[This role gives] me a platform and a voice to be the change I wish to see in how we better serve our community and help justice-involved veterans reclaim the pride once held while in uniform.”

In 2021, 233 Justice-Involved Veterans received life-stabilizing support:



Church Partnership Program

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Our Warriors

While in the military, service members have a sense of purpose and significant spiritual support. Their unit chaplains ensure they have access to counseling, family support, spiritual programs, and survivor services. Upon discharge, however, this critical support ends, leaving many veterans isolated, disillusioned, and without hope. In 2021, we expanded our holistic approach to veteran care by kicking off a new Church Partnership Program to help meet the spiritual needs of warriors and their families.

Managed by former Army chaplain, Ted Hamm, this new program seeks to activate and resource the local church community in support of our veterans. “With the Church Partnership Program, we are building a network of churches to reach and serve our community’s veterans,” Hamm says. “As churches reach out to bless their communities, a liaison or small group in the church works with me to consider how they may add an element of veteran outreach.”

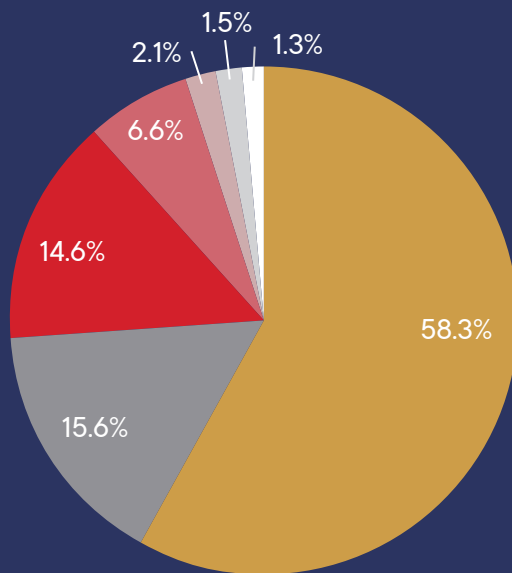
Since jump-starting the program in September of 2021, Hamm has connected with dozens of church leaders. “The response to the program from the church community has been overwhelmingly positive,” Hamm says. “Our network of liaisons is growing, and together we’re developing avenues of outreach to veterans within those churches, including book studies, recovery groups, and volunteer opportunities. The momentum is tangible, and every church in the Upstate is invited to join the effort.”



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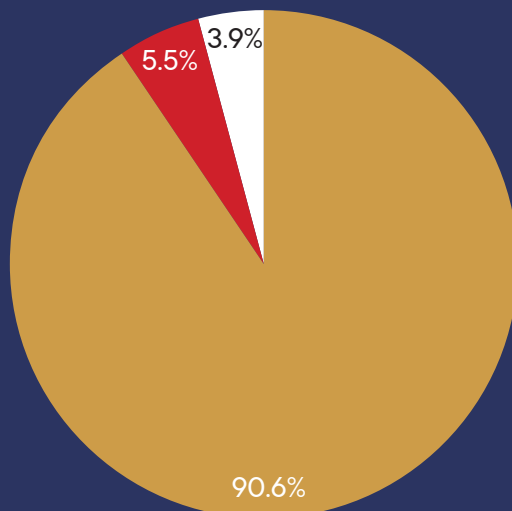
2021 Financial Report



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\$1,845,133

- Grants
- Individual donations
- Fundraising events
- Corporate donations
- Donated goods and services
- Investment income
- Sublease



Expense

\$1,563,890

- Program
- Management
- Fundraising



UWS was selected as a 2021 Angel Charity by the South Carolina Secretary of State. Angel Charities are selected by review of financial reports submitted annually to the State, as well as by nominations from the public. UWS was recognized for having devoted 90% of our total expenditures to charitable programs, making good use of volunteer services, receiving minimal funding from grants, as well as other criteria. We are proud of this recognition and the hard work of our staff and volunteers in the service of our veterans!

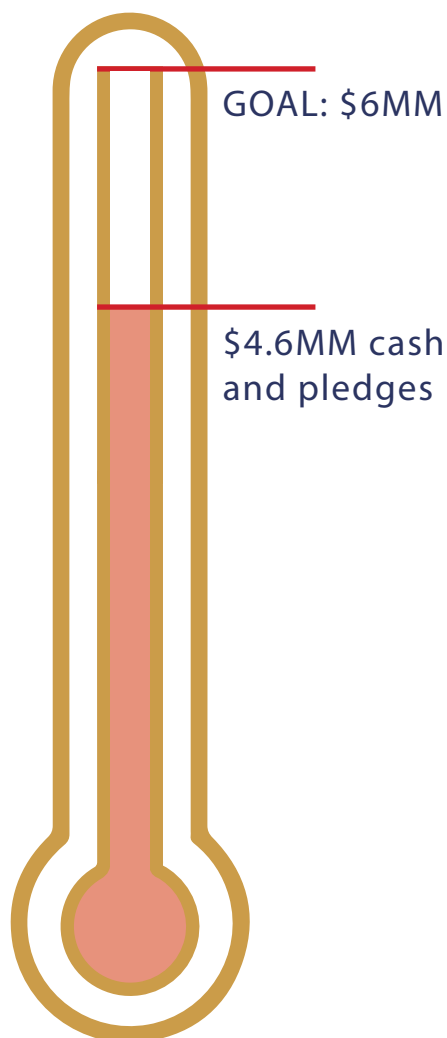
Rupert Huse Veteran Center

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