

## Positive Improvement Coalition

### *Who are we?*

Positive Improvement Coalition Inc. was founded as a Florida nonprofit in 2015. It received a 501(c)3 rating February 2016. In October 2017 PIC looked into restructuring the corporation, and by December 2017 the charity instituted a new Board of Directors and is now operating in 2 states with 2 main programs: Veterans Hill Farm & Military Families United.

Veterans Hill Farm is committed to helping veterans with PTSD heal and attain the support they need to function in the world today by connecting with other veterans who know the struggles of the disease.

Military Families United is focused on keeping the military family unit together through tough times by offering support and advisory services.

*PIC's mission - to address, coordinate, and provide the necessary aid and relief to all qualifying veterans and their family members.*

### Our Programs

Veterans Hill Farm (VHF) was initiated for disabled veterans, primarily veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Military personnel go through many different experiences while deployed. Many veterans are diagnosed with PTSD and the intention is to help those for whom assistance coping with PTSD is crucial. The environment at Veterans Hill Farm is that of a retreat offering animals that will be helpful with therapy. Veterans are able to live on site for a period of time, provide farm-to-table food, and have access to other health and wellness services.

Veterans will complete an application for a 28 day residence on the farm. Upon residency being granted the applicant may stay in one of our on-site small homes. The veteran must stay within the limits of the farm to maintain enrollment in the program, free to leave whenever desired; however, once off the farm termination of services is immediate and the veteran must reapply to rejoin the program.

Veterans Hill is a working farm. While on the farm veterans can expect to work various jobs and will be assigned variety duties. Applicants will learn to grow and harvest food, maintain animals, and prepare the food they raised. A local chef will teach the veterans how to prepare farm-fresh food for healthy, inexpensive, and tasty living.

In return they will receive meals, housing, pre- and post-counseling, and access to treatment. Treatments may include one-on-one counseling, group therapy, access to spiritual counselors, and comradery with fellow veterans. Working with animals on a daily basis has been proven to relieve stress and anxiety.

This will help with the health issues found in many soldiers including: diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol, all leading to higher risk of heart attack.

Military Families United (MFU) has a mission of keeping the family unit together by providing advisory and advocacy support to veterans and their family members through spiritual, financial, and legal means. Services include counseling and advising for schooling, family therapy, and community outreach. Various types of financial guidance will be offered. Help will be offered for legal situations by way of liaison, facilitator, or advocate for the applicant.

MFU is the administration branch of PIC. This program provides the oversight and accountability required for all programs instituted by PIC. While working in conjunction with VHF, MFU will help the veterans with pre-entry qualification to the farm, farm exodus, and other life-changing matters.

MFU is the starting point for entry to the Farm. If the veteran needs addiction services they will be matched with a residential treatment facility or have information provided on facilities in their area. Applications are screened and background checks are conducted as needed. For safety reasons sex offenders cannot be accepted into the program.

Upon exodus from the farm transition assistance is provided to help better the veteran's quality of life by helping them avoid returning to the same circumstances that brought them to the farm. This may include finding new housing, employment, and support services.

### ***What do we need?***

We are building the foundation on which Veterans Hill Farm will operate. There are currently over 40 animals including chickens, ducks, rabbits, and turkeys, plus the promise of more livestock in the future. The President, Founder, and a few volunteers have begun clearing the land, but this is a massive undertaking and must be completed very soon.

The following must be accomplished in order to proceed:

- 30 acres of wooded land must be cleared and fenced.
- 1 barn must be renovated to become usable.
- 2 barns must be constructed to house equipment and livestock.

In order to achieve these goals we are seeking funding in the following amounts:

- \$45,000 - *30 acres - cost to clear and fence 1 acre is \$1500*
- \$30,000 - *cost to build 2 barns*
- \$10,000 - *cost to renovate current barn*

We are seeking sponsors for each of these projects along with long term relationships and support.

**A donation in any amount is also welcomed!**

### ***What will you receive?***

In return for sponsoring a project you will benefit from one or all of the following, commensurate with donation:

- All donations receive "Friend of the Farm" status - your company name and logo posted on our website donor wall
- Signage with company name posted along fence line
- Permanent name dedication placed above the barn doors
- 12 month advertising as a "Sponsor of Veterans Hill Farm" at any event/fundraiser held within that year
- We welcome your suggestions or ideas about further benefits for your company