

Dear Friends of Caritas,

This year I am fortunate enough to give back to a place that was there for me when I needed it. I write today to ask you to join me in donating generously to the housing and support for Caritas's Bedford Veterans Quarters (BVQ). My name is Sean (Seamus) Gersy and I am a US Army veteran. My first deployment at 19 years old was to Bosnia where transported various cargo through out the region. I have seen entire towns empty & hollow because of crimes like ethnic cleansing. I share this with you to remind you of the kinds of experiences many veterans carry with them when they return to civilian life.

I lived at the BVQ on 2 different occasions. For me it was a way to get healthy and restart a thriving and successful life. There are other veterans like me who need the BVQ for a year or 2 to get back on track & graduate to independent living.

For others, the BVQ is what they need and where they will stay for as long as they can. That was the case for my friend Gerry Maker. An incredibly intelligent and thoughtful person, Gerry, who witnessed horrible atrocities during the Vietnam war, needed the stability and support of the BVQ to stay sober and manage his mental and physical health challenges.

When Gerry passed away in early 2020, he was sober, living in a safe community, and shared his life with friends and loved ones.

Today I am a freelance Producer for events around the world. To be able to create experiences like the NFL owners dinner, Premiere Lacrosse league and so many more is a true blessing & I am grateful for every moment. I am grateful to Coritas Communities for providing me, Gerry, and all the veterans at the BVQ for as long as we need it. I know that the housing and supportive services are expensive and need charitable donations to keep going. That is why I am giving \$1,000 this year to the supportive programs at the BVQ in honor of my good friend Gerry. I know what this housing and support means to the vets - and I want to give back what I can to help.

Will you join me this year to help our veterans at the BVQ? Please Dig Deep for those veterans who served our country and deserve a safe, supportive home. I am GRATEFUL for whatever you can give.

Thank you,

James

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Seamus and Gerry with Caritas Volunteer Coordinator, Wendy Price.



Gerry at the opening of Patriot Homes new Caritas housing for Veterans.



Gerry and Seamus participating in a Caritas Gala.