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OCHN Honors Veterans, Announces December Drive-Thru Food and Resource Event

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI – Nov. 13, 2026 – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) honors the service and sacrifice of our nation’s veterans while reaffirming its commitment to meeting the distinct mental-health and wellness needs of those who served. Across Michigan, veterans face elevated risks of suicide, post-traumatic stress, substance-use disorders, and isolation. According to the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA), veterans died by suicide at a rate of 31.9 per 100,000 in 2022, nearly double the rate for the non-veteran population.

“During the month of November but all year long, we express our deepest gratitude to the men and women who answered our country’s call,” said OCHN Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director Dana Lasenby. “But beyond the thank you, we recognize the battle many veterans continue after service, the invisible wounds of trauma, the struggle to find community, the weight of reintegration. That’s why OCHN is proud to offer our Veteran Navigator program, connecting veterans and families to housing, employment, mental-health care, substance-use treatment and social support.”

OCHN’s Veteran Navigator program complements statewide efforts such as Michigan’s Veteran Navigator initiative, which links veterans and military families to federal, state and local resources addressing mental health, substance use, housing and other critical needs. The Navigator program also offers monthly Workgroups where Vets can get connected to services and resources.

To further enhance the organization’s commitment to Veterans and their families, a Veteran and Military Family Drive-Thru Food and Resource Event is set for Tuesday, December 9, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This annual community resource is in partnership with Gleaners Food Bank and will be held in the parking lot of the OCHN Troy offices, 5505 Corporate Drive, Troy, MI 48198. Participating veterans will receive a free food box, gift card, resource bag, information on suicide-prevention services, and a brief life-saving Narcan training where each participant will receive a complimentary kit.

For more information, please click the link: [Veterans Information & Resources | Oakland CHN, MI](#)

About OCHN

OCHN is contracted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to lead a provider service network and manage care for approximately 30,000 Oakland County residents at more than 400 service sites across the county. People who receive public behavioral health services through OCHN's provider network include those who have an intellectual or developmental disability, mental health concerns, or substance use disorder. Most of these individuals have Medicaid insurance coverage.

OCHN's goal is to ensure these individuals are aware of and have access to services and supports that will improve their health and quality of life, as well as ensure their engagement in full community participation. Its mission to "inspire hope, empower people, and strengthen communities" reflects an unyielding belief in a "Valuable System for Valued People." Programs and supports provided by OCHN's service network are available at www.oaklandchn.org.

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