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## **Volunteers of America Oklahoma Celebrates 30 Years Serving Oklahoma Communities**

**Tulsa, OK** - On January 29, 2023, VOA Oklahoma will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing housing and supportive services to assist 14,000 Oklahoma neighbors. Entering a new decade of service, VOA Oklahoma remains committed to providing **Healthy Communities for All**. Our core beliefs encompass a world where all people in all communities live with social, emotional and physical well-being, spiritual fulfillment, justice and hope.

**Residential Care for Disabled** - From the beginning when services began in Oklahoma in 1993, VOA Oklahoma assisted people with intellectual and developmental disabilities transition from institutional living to 24/7 residential home care. With specialized home care, clients work in the community, engage with friends and family and live a longer, healthier life.

**Service-Enriched Senior Housing** - Volunteers of America's response to the growing aging population includes affordable, quality housing with enriched services that specialize in helping seniors live independently. VOA Oklahoma provides service-enriched housing to 1,250 seniors throughout Oklahoma.

**From Homelessness to Housing** – Establishing stable housing is the top priority for people facing eviction which results in homelessness and poor health outcomes. Veterans and individuals challenged by mental illness, substance use disorders and disabilities are helped to recover and thrive by affordable, quality housing, employment, money management and supportive services.

“As VOA Oklahoma looks forward, expanded services will further provide health and wellness services for people of all communities. Understanding and helping to overcome social determinants of health will inform our approach to services in housing, human services and health care. We are excited to partner with the people we serve on their road to a healthy and fulfilling future,” said Pam Richardson, President/CEO, VOA Oklahoma.

VOA founders Maud and Ballington Booth ascribed to a core belief that “we must go wherever we are needed and do whatever comes to hand.” For 30 years, VOA Oklahoma has lived this core belief passionately.

An **Open House** celebrating the **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** will be held on **Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm** at the Tulsa Headquarters at **9605 E. 61<sup>st</sup> Street** (northwest corner of 61<sup>st</sup> & Mingo).

**About Volunteers of America Oklahoma** - a human services organization based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, has served veterans, the aging, the homeless and the disabled since 1993. Learn more at [voaok.org](http://voaok.org).