



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
CENTRAL IOWA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

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To Anawim Housing,

During National Vocational Rehabilitation Week, we wish to express our gratitude to Anawim Housing and Scott Sithonnorath, who have helped to provide Veterans with life-changing employment! Our VA Employment Programs have greatly benefited from our relationship with Anawim Housing, one that began for us just recently, but will continue to assist many Veterans in their lives ahead.

Anawim and Scott have demonstrated incredible patriotism and compassion by providing job opportunities to Veterans in our VA Compensated Work Therapy Program, thusly providing soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen with a much-needed hand up to personal success. Too often, businesses can be hesitant to hire a Veteran with a background that shows a criminal charge or gaps in work history. As Veterans work hard to improve themselves and turn their lives around for the better, achieving employment is one of the most crucial and pivotal steps.

At the Des Moines VA Hospital, we have found an exemplary ally in Anawim Housing. Your organization has done the remarkable by helping Veterans overcome their barriers and restart their lives with confidence and purpose. We realize that giving someone a much needed second chance is not always easy. However, Anawim Housing and Scott Sithonnorath have assisted so many who have needed help the most.

In praising the lives that have been renewed, we realize that not all can be a guaranteed success, but in a modern day when one's past choices are regrettable, Anawim Housing leads the way to show that a person's endeavor to improve their future should not be impassable. The job opportunities provided by your company has allowed Veterans to become heroes for what they overcome, and sometimes that first step is through employment, but even more so, finding that special partner as we have with Anawim Housing.

With Sincerest Appreciation,

The VA's Vocational Rehabilitation Team
Therapeutic Supported Employment Services

