

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Community Engagement (OCE)

Supporting Veterans Through Innovative Strategic Partnerships

OCE's mission is to serve as a trusted resource and a catalyst for the growth of effective partnerships at the national, state, and community level and as a facilitator/access point for public and private entities interested in partnering with VHA to benefit Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.

OCE is involved with nonmonetary collaborations between VHA and nongovernmental partners such as:

- » Microsoft
- » The Humane Society of the United States
- » Y-USA (YMCA)

For more on these partnerships and others, please visit: va.gov/healthpartnerships

VHA Partnerships Support:



More than 19 million
Veterans in the U.S.



More than 9 million enrollees
in the VA health care system*

OCE Supports VHA Partnerships By:



Managing partnerships



Collaborating with VHA offices
and medical centers



Developing partnerships

*All numbers accurate as of February 2020. Source: tinyurl.com/vetsimpact

OCE's Signature Effort: The Community Partnership Challenge

This annual contest is one of the ways OCE stays true to its mission to support the creation and growth of partnerships everywhere. By widely publicizing and encouraging submission to the Challenge each year, OCE helps VHA employees to uplift information about the important work they are doing for Veterans through nonmonetary partnerships with nongovernmental organizations. OCE selects—and widely publicizes—the top three winning partnerships each year.



VHA employees have submitted **469 partnerships** to the Challenge since 2014.

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