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HALO Jefferson City Girls Home Awarded \$20,000 from Veterans United Foundation *Funding Supports Kitchen Remodel and Food Costs for Transitional Living Program*

Jefferson City, MO — [HALO](#), a nonprofit dedicated to helping homeless and at-risk children around the world, has received \$20,000 from Veterans United Foundation to renovate the kitchen at its Jefferson City Girls Home and support food costs. This donation was matched during the HALO Jefferson City Art Auction on March 8, raising a total of \$40,000 for this essential project.



“The HALO Girls Home kitchen is in desperate need of repairs,” said HALO Founder and CEO Rebecca Welsh. “With 24 girls and their young children in our care at all times, years of wear and tear have taken a toll. We are incredibly grateful to Veterans United Foundation for their generosity in meeting this need.”

Veterans United Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Veterans United Home Loans and is funded by employees of Veterans United Home Loans and its affiliated companies.

The HALO Jefferson City Girls Housing program is a Transitional Living Program that opened in 2017. The HALO Girls Home provides the foundation of a family to pregnant, parenting, and non-parenting girls ages 16-21 and their children who are homeless or in high-risk situations. HALO youth complete the program within 18-24 months, and more than 84% of graduates go on to lead stable lives, breaking the cycle and becoming active, contributing members of their communities.

“Our work has become so critical with so many kids who are living on the brink of homelessness and are in dire need of support,” said Welsh. “It’s a simple question - How do we reach more kids? We need more people to help. HALO is fueled by volunteers and community organizations like Veterans United Foundation. Reach out on our website, haloworldwide.org, to get involved.”

Since 2005, HALO has provided housing, healing, and education to thousands of homeless and at-risk children around the world. HALO offers homeless youth the foundation of a family by providing a safe place to sleep and meeting a wide range of needs—starting with basic survival, moving through preparing for a first job interview, and ultimately helping them develop the skills to thrive as independent, successful young adults.

ABOUT VETERANS UNITED FOUNDATION:

Veterans United Foundation is funded by employees of Veterans United Home Loans and its affiliated companies. Driven by a shared mission of enhancing lives, the Foundation has raised over \$145 million since its inception in 2011, with nearly 90% of company employees donating a portion of their paycheck to support its mission. Employees also take an active role in referring needs to the foundation and showing the community support through volunteer work. For more information about Veterans United Foundation and its charitable initiatives, please visit www.enhancelives.com.

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ABOUT HALO:

HALO believes every child should have the foundation of a family. Since 2005, HALO has provided love in the form of housing, healing, and education to heal homeless and at-risk children. Featured in the Moroccan oil [INSPIRED](#) film series, “American Spirit” of CBS Evening News, “Heroes Among Us” and “25 Women Changing the World” of PEOPLE magazine, “The Today Show,” Variety Magazine, and Oprah Daily, HALO serves over 3,000 children and supports 15 programs around the globe each year. It has Learning Centers and Housing programs in Kansas City and Jefferson City, Missouri, and art programming in New York and Portland. HALO also supports orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, and Mexico. Learn how [Love Heals](#) at HALO and help one more child spend one less day alone at www.haloworldwide.org.

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If interested in interviewing HALO Founder & CEO Rebecca Welsh, please contact nicolegerken@haloworldwide.org.