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Register for Stadium Stair Climb Challenge to Help Homeless Veterans in Connecticut

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You can be part of the third annual "Step Up for the Brave Stadium Stair Climb Challenge" Saturday, Sept. 23 at Bridgeport's Ballpark at Harbor Yard. The event raises funds for homeless veterans in Connecticut.

Participants will climb the ballpark stairs following a guided route at their own pace. The participants are encouraged to conquer a target number of stairs in honor of our brave military! One time around the closed climb course is 1,000 stairs.

Bring your friends and family to cheer you on — there are fun on-field activities and games like Giant Jenga,

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Ring Toss, Cornhole and more for all to enjoy. All ages welcome, 8 years and older to climb.

Participants have 1.5 hours to complete their individual climb goal. Individuals, friends, families and corporate teams are all encouraged to join in the fun.

The stair climb takes place on Saturday morning, Sept. 23. Check-in begins at 8 a.m., with the climb starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 11 a.m. Awards will be given from 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon to top climbers in multiple age groups. The Ballpark at Harbor Yard is located at [500 Main St. in Bridgeport](#).

Early bird registration is now open (it ends on Aug 4) and costs \$25, with a student rate of \$20.

Proceeds from the challenging event will go to Homes for the Brave, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing safe housing, vocational training, and life skills coaching to homeless individuals, most of whom are veterans.

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Visit the [Homes for the Brave website](#) to learn more and to register.

“The Step Up For The Brave Stadium Stair Climb Challenge is for anyone in the community who wants to take a positive step towards ending homelessness among those who served our country,” said Vincent Santilli, executive director of ABRI/Homes for the Brave.

“We want this event to send a signal that we care about their sacrifice, and we are here for them when they need it most,” Santilli said.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, beginning at \$100. Companies and individuals can sponsor the event or a flight of stairs in honor or memory of a personal hero or loved one.

For more information visit the [Homes for the Brave website](#) or contact Kathy Beardsworth at kbeardsworth@homesforthebrave.org or call (203) 338-0669.

More About Homes for the Brave and ABRI

From [the organization's website](#):

Since opening our doors in 2002, ABRI/*Homes for the Brave* has provided housing, vocational training, and life skills coaching to help individuals leave homelessness behind.

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To date, we have worked with more than 1,100 men and women, most of whom are Veterans.

Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc. (ABRI), doing business as *Homes for the Brave*, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit.

ABRI/*Homes for the Brave* operates four programs: [Homes for the Brave](#), [Waldorf House](#), [Veterans Service Center](#), and [Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes](#), Connecticut's first and only transitional housing program exclusively for homeless female Veterans and their children.

A great need exists for housing programs and support services like ours. On any given night, 40,000 United States Veterans find themselves homeless, and another 1.4 million are at-risk of homelessness due to a lack of affordable housing, financial resources, and support.

With the help of our community, we will continue to uphold our mission of helping Connecticut's Veterans and other individuals experiencing homelessness to return to meaningful, productive lives. We hope that you will [join us](#) as we serve the men and women who have served us all.