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FEATHERFIST OPENS F.O.R.T. II
The Jim Proffitt Apartments
Transitional Living for Homeless Veterans

As *Featherfist* celebrates 25 years of service to the homeless community, the organization is pleased to announce the opening of its new 32-bed, transitional living facility for homeless Veterans.

The facility offers a safe, secure and stable environment for single, adult, male homeless veterans. FORT II service staff work in collaboration with the VA to support each veteran's achievement of Individual Service Plan objectives. Throughout the years, Jim Proffitt, a faithful volunteer advocate of homeless veterans, and Featherfist have continued to network together to help provide the most comprehensive and effective services for homeless veterans.

The FORT II is an enhancement of *Featherfist's* FORT I facility opened in 2000 and also located on the south side. This 24-bed transitional living facility also provides supportive services to single, adult, male homeless individuals, but only 10-12 beds are dedicated to veterans. *Featherfist* developed the FORT II because of the increased number of homeless veterans and the demand for comprehensive, specialized services for them.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Monday, December 7, 2009 at The Jim Proffitt Apartments, located at 7254 S. Blackstone Avenue, Chicago IL 60619 at 9am.

L. Tammy Duckworth, the Assistant Secretary of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and Patrick Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, will join us in celebrating the opening of this much needed facility and applauds the services provided to our veterans.

Featherfist is Chicago's premier homeless outreach agency. Established in 1984, *Featherfist* was founded with a mission to eliminate homelessness by giving "Power and Purpose" to the homeless community by assisting them in their advancement toward self-sufficiency and self-determination. Realizing that shelter is just one piece of the equation, *Featherfist's* expanded services include a full range of social networks to meet the myriad demands of retraining, rehabilitating and re-entry into mainstream society. *Featherfist* believes that those persons requiring assistance, whether mentally or physically challenged, should have the opportunities that will allow them to function as independent and productive members of society.