Dear Community Partner,

On behalf of Mental Health America of Augusta, the Veteran’s Brunch Group at Embrace Community Center, and Valley Community Services Board, we want to extend an invitation for you and your organization to participate in our upcoming Veteran’s Feed and Connect event. The event will take place on **September 27th, 2023, at Embrace Community Center from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Many of our veterans are in need of community support and we are looking for your help to educate our community about your agency and the important resources and services you provide to veterans, active military, and their families. Our goal is to provide an event where all can come to connect through food and resources to receive the support they need.

Almost 30% of veterans report a diagnosis of at least one mental health disorder following their return to civilian life.With this staggering statistic, our organizations strive to impact our local community and those who need support.

Veterans have given so much to serve our country, and this is a time for us to give back to them. **Will you partner with our organizations to make our community aware of your organization's valuable resources and services?**

If you are interested in making an impact, please join us and RSVP to Leah Hale at lhale@vcsb.org by Friday, September 1st, 2023.

**Vendor Information:**

1. We ask that all vendors are set up by 9:40 am and stay until 2:00 pm. We will have volunteers to help you set up if need be.
2. There is no cost to participate as we believe in coming together to reach our community with as many resources and services as possible.
3. All vendors will be provided a 6ft table and two chairs. Power sources will be available if requested.
4. Lunch will be provided for all participating vendors.
5. A vendor registration packet will be sent out closer to the event.

Please feel free to reach out to 540-280-2252 or lhale@vcsb.org with questions.

Thank you for all you do to serve our community,

Leah Hale, Veteran Support Specialist, VCSB
Harold Fitzgerald, Veteran Group Leader, Embracing Veterans.

Bruce Blair, Executive Director, MHAA