

## IMPACT PRESENTS TO VA CONFERENCE

Impact Services Veterans Services Department was one of several community service providers from across the nation selected to present a best practices model at the Homeward Bound Conference sponsored by the US Department of Veterans Affairs held in San Diego, CA recently. The conference, held to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the VA's focus on homeless veterans, brings together hundreds of VA professionals from across the country.

Community partners, such as Impact, were invited to propose presentations on projects illustrating Collaboration and Partnership, Alternative Program Design, Innovative Resources and Funding, and Serving Special Homeless Populations.

Impact's Dual Diagnosis Program, with its innovative combination of HUD and VA funding, unique collaboration with the Philadelphia VA Medical Center, and focus on the complex needs of vets who are both substance addicted and mentally ill was selected because it combined the use so many features of interest.