



# Edgerton Outreach

*servicing those in need*



## HEROES HIKE FOR HOPE: Back Story

His old boots stood ready in the corner of his room. It was years since he used them for a specific purpose and call, but as Fred pondered the need, he knew the time was now. He needed to lace up his boots to run on behalf of our valiant vets who fought for our freedoms that now find themselves homeless. Currently, **67,000 vets** and their families are without a place to live-we want to change that.

**Fred Falk** served faithfully for 25-years in the military. His boots were assigned to him back in 1982 and provided support for him through Bootcamp, where he was stationed, through combat, and now retirement. Fred ran in those same boots years ago to create awareness for the local hospital. Today, in his 70s, Fred and his boots are being called back into service to join others on the road to help create housing for homeless vets in Rock County. On **June 25, 2022**, he, along with **active-duty Marines, WI Army National Guard, and veterans** will run a marked course from Beloit, WI to Edgerton, WI - about **24.6 miles**, to honor those who have served so faithfully for us that now find themselves homeless.

Fred knows it takes teamwork to bring success for the mission. He reflects on three different Edgerton institutions, now identifying with this joint mission: to help homeless vets find HOPE and home again. They are:

- VFW Post 2708**
- Edgerton City Hall**
- Edgerton Community Outreach**

The Edgerton City Council sold the 210 West Fulton Street building to **Edgerton Outreach for \$1 to oversee this \$2.1M project that restores and creates HOPE for veterans and their families.**

An initial gift of \$100,000 from VFW Post 2708 helped kick off the giving campaign for 210 West Fulton Street. In addition to 6 units of housing, it will offer a permanent home for our local veteran groups and be available to the community.

**This project will preserve Edgerton's oldest building, built-in 1854.**

Fred Falk, Chair of Heroes Hike for Hope, has enlisted Sarah Williams and her team at Edgerton Outreach to help complete this mission. **They invite you to the block party on June 25th, where there will be food, live music, and celebration.** Please join us. Fred and his boots will be there too.



**Learn more at [210westfultonstreet.com](http://210westfultonstreet.com) and please give generously.**

