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**Nonprofit Veterans Organization, Comin' Home, Merges with  
CODAC Behavioral Health Services**

Tucson, Arizona (February 1, 2013) – Comin' Home, a Tucson 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides transitional housing to homeless veterans, has merged with CODAC Behavioral Health Services, a leading nonprofit that provides prevention and treatment services for mental health, addiction and trauma. The merger is effective today.

In 2009/2010, Comin' Home had management issues resulting in several grants being suspended, including one with its largest funder, the Veterans Administration (VA). This put the organization in significant financial hardship, unable to pay its bills and sustain the program.

With ever-increasing numbers of veterans returning to Tucson from combat, CODAC recognized a continued need for Comin' Home's services in our community. CODAC began offering additional support and services including clinical management, facility repairs and administrative assistance.

Within months, the VA grants were reinstated. In January, 2012, Comin' Home staff were formally hired by CODAC and began operating using CODAC's accredited policies and procedures, and with CODAC employee benefits.

Comin' Home was established in 1989 and has since served more than 3,800 homeless men and women veterans in our community who have been unable to find employment and housing.

Now a program of *CODAC Behavioral Health Services*, Comin' Home has housing units available for 52 individuals and provides up to 24 months of housing assistance. Additionally, it connects veterans to medical and behavioral health services, community support, educational and life skills resources, job assessment and training, financial benefits and – perhaps most significantly – a healthy community. Funding is made available through the Veterans Administration, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and private donations.

“We are happy that CODAC was available to step in and help us and preserve this program that's been around for more than 20 years in the service of Veterans,” says Pat Marsh, Comin' Home Board President.

“According to the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans, 1.4 million veterans are considered at risk for homelessness,” says Dennis Regnier, President & CEO of CODAC. “What veterans need is secure, safe, clean housing that offers a supportive environment free of drugs and alcohol. And that’s what we provide at Comin’ Home. We’re so pleased that Comin’ Home is now one of the many outstanding programs we can offer to our Arizona community.”

For more information on Comin’ Home, call Sarah Taouil, Program Coordinator, at (520) 322-6980. For more information about this press release, contact Kristine Welter Hall, Vice President for Marketing and Development, at [kwelter@codac.org](mailto:kwelter@codac.org) or (520) 202-1746.

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*Founded in 1970, CODAC Behavioral Health Services is one of Arizona’s oldest and most respected providers of behavioral health and family development services. Through 12 service locations, more than 325 staff and numerous housing programs, CODAC serves more than 12,000 individuals and families annually. For more information visit [www.CODAC.org](http://www.CODAC.org).*