Vietnam veteran Gerald Corsiglia spoke to The Star in 1994 about his life experiences and about Benilde Hall, a residential substance abuse facility that works with veterans and other homeless people.

**Benilde Hall program**

One of our local charities, the Benilde Hall Program, recently suffered the loss of its director when Linus Benoit succumbed to cancer (8/1 obituaries).

Benilde Hall Program is a very special organization within our community and it was blessed to have Linus Benoit’s leadership.

The program was able to grow and flourish with Linus at the helm. He helped provide encouragement, support and vision to the organization.

He helped provide purpose and hope to men who needed it most. His work within Benilde helped change lives of the men who went through his program.

Linus Benoit was a friend to this community in ways very few are. He will be deeply missed by his friends and family. As someone who knew him as a friend and a client, I hope more people can remember organizations like Benilde Hall in their holiday giving in the meaningful work they do.

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