

VIDEO ADVISORY: Homeless Long Beach Military Vets Get Back on Their Feet to Run at Disneyland Resort

Of the more than **23,000 runners** from across the United States and 17 different countries competing in the inaugural Star Wars Half Marathon Weekend presented by Sierra Nevada Corporation are **Long Beach military veterans Sandra Greenman and Jose Romero**. Sandra and Jose each struggled in their separate returns to civilian life, **losing their jobs and their homes** because of various addictions. Both were **forced to live on the mean streets of metro Los Angeles**, Sandra **living out of her car** starting in 2012 and Jose on the streets in 2013.

Last year, they became involved in the “Back On My Feet” program, the race weekend’s official charity which **helps homeless LA-area residents achieve independent living through running**. Program participants run together three to four times a week at 5:30 am. As a result of the running program, both are beginning to live independently again, **Sandra working in a government IT position** and Jose off the streets and **into his own apartment**. Sandra and Jose, along with other program participants, are continuing their personal life development and training at the inaugural Star Wars Half Marathon on Sunday at Disneyland Resort.