

# Roberto Ng

## 2024 Montgomery County Recovery and Resiliency Award Recipient

Roberto is a skilled tradesman, Veteran of the United States Army, and a major reason for the success of the Montgomery County Veterans Response Team. Two years ago, Roberto found himself in a tough spot. Life had gotten complicated and the path forward was becoming less clear. Roberto ended up in some legal trouble, and met Det. Brendan Dougherty from the Upper Merion Township Police Department. Det.

Dougherty is a member of the very first cohort of officers to join the Veterans Response Team just a few months prior, and said to Roberto “there’s this new thing we have, maybe it can help. It’s not a magic wand, and it’ll take work from you, but if you’re ready for things to be different, let’s try”. Immediately, Roberto started putting in the work to heal, plan, build up his supports, and forge a new path forward. It wasn’t easy, life very rarely is, and there have ups and downs, but Roberto has remained resilient and committed to not only his own journey, but to helping others going through something similar. That is the true catalyst for this nomination, Roberto’s willingness to take his own story, and use it to improve the lives of others. Roberto has been a featured speaker at Veterans Response Team Trainings for the past year and half, sharing his insights with over 100 first responders, social service partners, regional and national guests, and leaders in the work of veterans services. He has been candid, honest, and vulnerable. His contribution to the training is constantly identified by attendees as a highlight of the 2-days and a major motivator in their excitement to join the work of the VRT. The VRT serves veterans in the Montgomery County community, and since 2023, they have done so with Roberto’s story as a guiding light in that work.

r



Montgomery County  
Department of  
Health and Human Services

