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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe

Along with the cooler temperatures and fall colors come two important dates this month to remember our hospitalized Veterans: Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.

NEEDED FOR VETERANS

Della Steege, our Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representative at Aleta Lutz VA Hospital in Saginaw, reports winter clothing is needed for their Veterans including:

1. Winter coats, only sizes **Medium, L, XL, 3XL** and **4XL**.
2. Winter gloves, mittens and knit hats.
3. Thermal socks.
4. Scarves.
5. Any Winter attire that you can find.



Here are items found on the October Needs List for Kettles VA Medical Facility in Ann Arbor:

1. Gift cards for gasoline and groceries (Note: Meijer and Kroger gift cards can be used for both).
2. White Men's T-shirts size **2XL, XL** and **L**.
3. Small stuffed animals like Bean Babies for Inpatient Birthdays.
4. Cases of bottled water.
5. Annual subscriptions for Local Newspapers and Magazines (i.e., Do It Yourself, Handyman, Car & Driver, Classic Car, Motor Trend, Readers Digest, National Geographic, Pioneer, Mother Earth News, etc.). Please make subscription out to:

VAAAHS Voluntary Service 135
2215 Fuller Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

6. Please **NO socks** at this time.

Currently, Chesterfield's Michigan Home for Veterans does **not** need socks.

NOTE: If the VAVS Representatives send me a current Needs List, I will try to include that information in future bulletins. Sending the Needs List to Department will get the information on the website and to our member quicker. You may also post the Needs List on the Department Hospital Facebook Page.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT and RECOGNITION

If your Auxiliary is privileged to have a hospital volunteer as a member or a student or sponsored volunteer, the Auxiliary chairman should keep track of their volunteer hours to order, when appropriate, hospital service pins. This is the chairman's responsibility, and they are free from National. The order form and a graphic of the pins are on the Department website and in Malta. Presentation of this pin at an Auxiliary meeting or event is another means of recognition for the volunteer and may encourage others to become volunteers.



STAR RAFFLE

Another STAR Raffle will be held at Michigan's Mid-Winter Conference in Kalamazoo. Let's beat the amount raised at Fall Conference which was a whopping \$1,820.00. Remember, gift cards donated should range from \$5 to \$25 and be redeemable at statewide stores, restaurants, or gas stations.

REPORTING

Last month's bulletin stated that driving a veteran to the hospital for inpatient services is reportable regardless of the member's relationship to the Veteran. Also, driving a Veteran to a doctor's appointment, even for outpatient tests and visits to their primary care physician (PCP), should be reported under Veterans & Family Support.

Further clarification was received from my National Hospital Ambassador. If you are a hospital volunteer responsible for driving Veterans to appointments at the hospital, it is reportable under Hospital. Also, distribution of gift bags or serving coffee to Veterans at medical facilities is reportable under Hospital.

Any of these activities reported prior to this clarification, will be approved under Hospital. However, new reporting should use the above guidelines.

Together in Service,

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