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Your offer of support for the Veterans served through the St. Cloud VA Health Care System is very much appreciated! There are a number of items and General Post Funds that will help us provide a better experience for our Veteran patients. Assistance in purchasing these items is certainly helpful, not only to our patients, but to our staff as well. Cash or items may be donated. **PLEASE COORDINATE ALL DONATIONS WITH VOLUNTARY SERVICE (320) 255-6365 prior to dropping off the donation.**

All checks should be payable to “**ST. CLOUD VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**” and note the specific purpose or item in the memo section. Mail to: Voluntary Service (CD 135), 4801 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud, MN 56303

E-Donations can be made at www.stcloud.va.gov. Select volunteer or donate and then e-donate.

Items Requested:

CLOTHING (MUST BE NEW):

- Clothing (**Call for list and sizes**)
(jeans, shirts, sweatshirts/pants, hoodies, boxers, socks, winter coats, hats, gloves)
- Shower Shoes (flip flops) L-XXL
- Tennis Shoes, variety of sizes

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:

- Reading Glasses, variety of strengths
- Deodorant, spray, stick and roll-on (alcohol free)
- Chap Stick
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- After Shave (Old Spice, Mennen)
- Body Wash
- Denture Adhesive
- Denture Cleaner
- Contact Lens case & Saline Solution

HOME BASED PRIMARY CARE:

- Dry Erase Boards (8.5"x11", non-magnetic back, with black marker)
- Locked Medication Boxes (First Alert 3035DF Digital Security Box)
- Plastic Storage Containers (15.25"x9.75"x7")

VA CLINICS (ALEXANDRIA, MONTEVIDEO, BRAINERD):

- Area Newspaper Subscriptions
- Donations to support Cable TV Service, water treatment systems, refreshments
- Grocery Gift Cards
- Bus Ride Passes (i.e. Rainbow Rider for Alexandria)

RECREATIONAL ITEMS:

- Gift Cards to Local Restaurants for Recreation Outings
- Large Print Crossword Puzzle and Word Search Books, Adult Coloring Books with Colored Pencils
- Craft Kits (birdhouses, jewelry boxes, or serving trays) New Board Games

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- 30 Minute Phone Cards
- Loose Leaf Paper
- #10 Envelopes
- 9x12 Manilla Envelopes
- Pocket Notebooks
- Postage Stamps
- Gift Cards to department stores (Walmart, Target, Shopko, Fleet Farm, etc.)
- Neck Pillows, Memory Foam with removable, washable covers

The following General Post Fund (GPF) Accounts support **ONGOING PROGRAMS** that provide many services for Veterans for which the VA does not provide funding!

These programs need ongoing funding to continue.

NOTE: Your donations may support admission or food costs of volunteers and staff required to facilitate activity.

GPF #6602 – HOLIDAY FUND – Provides individual gifts for patients and refreshments during holidays. Provides decorations, supplies and extra activities to commemorate holidays, events and special occasions throughout the year.

GPF #6603 – NATIONAL EVENTS – Funds are used for supplies and travels expenses for the Local Veterans Creative Arts Festival, Wheelchair Games, Golden Age Games and Winter Sports Clinic.

GPF #6604 – EXTENDED CARE CULTURE CHANGE FUND – Funds will be used to support changes to the dining rooms, hospice program, and general environment on nursing home units to make them more home-like and to contribute to the overall quality of life for our patients. **Hospice** program is supported through this General Post Fund.

GPF #6605 – CBOC – This fund provides items such as coffee, newspapers, and cable TV service to the VA Clinics in Montevideo, Brainerd, and Alexandria.

GPF #6608 – WOMEN VETERANS – This fund provides items specific to the Women Veterans Clinic and outreach to this group of Veterans.

GPF #6609 – MENTAL HEALTH FUND – Benefits veterans receiving residential mental health services – some recurring items include juice, popcorn, reading glasses, coffee, alarm clocks, etc.

GPF #6613 - GENERAL WELFARE FUND - Used for various projects or items that would benefit all patients within the medical center. All un earmarked donations are deposited into this fund.

GPF #6614 - TV FUND - Used to purchase TVs and DVD players for patient use in rooms, lounges, dayrooms, education programs, etc.

GPF #6615 - OUTPATIENT COFFEE FUND - Provides coffee for patients and visitors in the Outpatient Clinics. Also provides coffee for patient and family group meetings.

GPF #6616 - ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM - Supports many programs in Adult Day Health Care such as outings, crafts, ward activities, etc.

GPF #6627 – MEMORY CARE FUND – Funds are used to support items such as special sensory items for residents.

GPF #8804 - RECREATION FUND - On-station programs, off-station activities, refreshments, recreational equipment, supplies, and many other items and services are provided through this fund. This fund is to support **ALL recreation programs** across campus. NOTE: These funds may be used to provide admission or food for volunteers and staff necessary to implement some activities.

GPF #8811 – SWS EMERGENT NEEDS FUND - Utilized to assist patients with transportation or other needs related to an emergent event. Patients utilizing this fund have little or no funds AND must be screened by a Social Worker. This fund supports the **Homeless Outreach** program too.

If you have any questions about an item on this list, or any other donation, **call the Voluntary Service office at 320-255-6365**. Before making any donation, please check with Voluntary Service to insure the need has not yet been met.