

**FARGO VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**  
**2101 ELM STREET NORTH, FARGO, ND 58102**  
**701-239-3700, extension 9-3395**

The following items are requested for the comfort and welfare of Veteran patients as of September 2017. Please contact Voluntary Service for specific details on any of the items listed and before any transaction is initiated. All checks should be made payable to the VA Health Care System and the intent for use should be indicated.

***Thank you for your consideration.***

*In accordance with VHA Directive 4721, we are required to state "The Department of Veterans Affairs will not provide you, the donor, any goods or services in consideration in whole or part for your contribution."*

**DONATION SUGGESTIONS – ITEM AND ESTIMATED COST**

**TOILETRIES:**

- **\*Deodorant (men)**
- **Mouth Wash** Non-alcoholic, travel size only please.
- **Chap stick**
- **\*Nail clippers:** Large and small, new only please.
- **Backscratchers**
- **Reading Glasses**
- **Lens Wipes**
- **Handheld Mirrors**

❖ **Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, razors, pens, cards and notebooks are not needed at this time.**

**\* LARGE NEW BATH TOWELS:** Large size bath towels to be provided to inpatient Community Living Center residents in a welcome basket to create a more homelike environment. Towels need to be **NEW** and large in size similar to "bath sheets."

**\*FISH TANK:** \$1,800 annually to fund the lease and maintenance of the large fish tank located in the Community Living Centers.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS:** Individual drawstring bags containing items to keep children busy while they attend medical appointments with their Veteran guardian. Some suggestions for items to include in the bags are: coloring books, activity books crayons, small stuffed animals, word search books, foam shapes, puzzles, lacing cards, stickers, etc. Please do not include food items.

**\*GROCERY STORE GIFT CARDS:** \$20 gift cards to local grocery stores to be provided to families in need (Hornbacher's, Cashwise, Family Fare, etc.)

**\*EMERGENT NEEDS:** Social work is in need of funds to support low income Veterans in a variety of ways. Some examples would include providing travel needs to Veterans who do not qualify for travel pay, providing shoes or clothing to Veterans discharged without adequate clothing, to purchase gift cards to be used by Veterans in need, etc. General donations to the Emergent Needs fund will ensure Veterans needs are met on an individual basis.

**\*Palliative Care:** Funds to support palliative care and hospice Veterans. These funds may be used to purchase meals and snack trays for the families of hospice Veterans who do not wish to leave the side of the Veteran, outreach, education, items to support the by annual memorial service honoring Fargo VA Veterans who pass, etc.

**\*VA GOURMET:** Funds to support the VA Gourmet program. These funds are used to purchase ingredients for healthy cooking demonstrations to Veterans. The VA Gourmet program promotes health and wellbeing to Veterans by encouraging healthy eating habits.

**PREMIUM MOVIE CHANNELS:** Approximately \$5,000 annually to cover the cost of premium movie channels for inpatient Veterans. Channels include the “western” channel that is watched almost constantly by inpatient Veterans. They really enjoy this entertainment option.

**BUS PASSES:** To be given to the Homeless Veteran program.

**WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM:** Funds for outreach, literature, women’s health education, speakers. Funds will also support Military Sexual Trauma outreach and education.

**\*VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION:** Funds to support volunteer recognition. Voluntary Service does not receive appropriated funds to support the recognition of our most deserving dedicated volunteers. These funds would help fund the volunteer recognition banquet, awards, pins and recognition gifts for volunteers.

**\*COUPON BOOK FUND:** Funds to purchase Canteen coupon books. Canteen coupon books are provided to Veterans who have no means to purchase a meal while attending appointments at the Fargo VA. Books may also be used for emergent needs of Veterans that can be purchased at the VA.

**\*COFFEE/GUEST RELATIONS:** Coffee or monetary donations for coffee, orange juice, condiments, cups and supplies for Greeter Program & waiting rooms.

**NATIVE AMERICAN SERVICES:** Funds to provide materials and refreshments for the Sweat Lodge, Talking Circle and other services to the Native American Veteran population.

**MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Donate magazine subscriptions and have them shipped directly to the VA or donate funds that will be used to purchase magazines for the book cart and clinic waiting areas.

**CANTEEN COUPON BOOKS FOR SERVICE RECOVERY PROGRAM:** \$\$ to purchase coupon books to compensate Veterans/patients for canceled appointments, etc.

**\*\$20 VISA/MASTER CARD GIFT CARDS:** To be provided to Veterans who have emergent needs after regular business hours. The social worker on-call will ensure the need is valid.

**LOW DOLLAR GIFT CARDS:** Low dollar gift cards to be awarded to participants in the Substance Abuse Treatment Program. These cards would be given to Veterans who are successfully participating in the substance abuse treatment program at the Fargo VA. Gift cards would be used to encourage Veterans to get out into the community rather than staying indoors where it can be more tempting to use. Low dollar gift cards or tickets to sober events would be appreciated. Examples: Barnes and Noble, Home Depot, Restaurants, Coffee shops, Museums, local events/shows, etc.

**SEWN ITEMS:**

- 40 x 60 blankets
- Walker-bags
- Wheelchair Bags
- Comfort Dolls for the Women Veterans Program

**YOUR DONATION TO ANY GENERAL POST FUND WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED:**

- \*VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**
- GENERAL PURPOSE**
- RECREATION**
- \*EMERGENT NEEDS**

(\*) Denotes a pressing need