

Marion VA Wish List and Donation Description

CURRENT VETERAN NEEDS

The following needs are ongoing and continuous. As needs change, increase, or decrease, this list will reflect those changes. If you have any questions pertaining to urgent needs, please contact our office at 618-993-4121.

Ongoing Needs

- ✓ Non-perishable food for hospice family members
- ✓ Non-perishable food for homeless Veterans (Evansville/Marion)
- ✓ iTunes cards – used to assist those with cognitive deficits i.e. memory, through a cognitive therapy also for Rec Therapy
- ✓ Cell Phones
- ✓ New clothing ONLY – underwear, t-shirts, sweatpants, slacks, khakis (M-4X), new shoes, work boots, slippers (M/F), Tennis shoes
- ✓ Coffee
- ✓ Can openers
- ✓ Men's Belts
- ✓ Bingo prizes/Crosswords/Adult Coloring Books
- ✓ Special Event Drawing Prizes i.e., new book sets (Westerns)
- ✓ Regular size tubes of toothpaste (not sample or trial size)
- ✓ Regular size bottles of shampoo (not sample or hotel size)
- ✓ Individual toothbrushes/Efferdent
- ✓ Razors
- ✓ Gas Cards/Gift Cards/Bus Passes
- ✓ Gift cards for Panera Bread, Wendy's, and Aldi's in \$5.00 and \$10.00 increments.
- ✓ Bowling Gift Cards
- ✓ Fishing items
- ✓ Assorted Model Kits
- ✓ Lotion, body wash
- ✓ Kleenex, toilet paper, dish soap, detergent, etc.
- ✓ Female scented products such as deodorant, soap, body wipes, female razors, hand sanitizer, hair spray
- ✓ Tampons and pads
- ✓ Briefs/boxers, medium to xlg
- ✓ White t-shirts, medium, L, xl, 2xlg
- ✓ Laundry soap - pods
- ✓ Hand sanitizer
- ✓ Grocery pull carts – for food pantry visitors

Food Pantry Staples (Please consider pop top lids for canned items)

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| ✓ Canned chicken, tuna, meats | ✓ Salad dressing/ mayonnaise | ✓ Granola bars |
| ✓ Beef stew | ✓ Saltines | ✓ Canned soup |
| ✓ Pork and beans/baked beans | ✓ Dry/Canned dog food/Cat food | ✓ Small boxed dry cereal/ |
| ✓ Chili/Manwich | ✓ Spaghetti sauce and noodles | ✓ Oatmeal |
| ✓ Ravioli/canned pasta | ✓ Garlic & onion powder | ✓ Macaroni and cheese |
| ✓ Coffee in the food section | ✓ Peanut butter crackers | ✓ Canned/dry milk |
| ✓ Hair conditioner | ✓ Canned chicken and dumplings | ✓ Mashed potatoes |
| ✓ Jiffy mix | ✓ Small bottles vegetable oil | ✓ Popcorn |
| ✓ Manwich | ✓ Canned tomatoes | ✓ Canned dog/cat food |
| ✓ BBQ sauce | ✓ Canned fruit in light syrup juice – | ✓ Granola bars |
| ✓ Small bags of sugar | pineapple, peaches | ✓ Spam |
| ✓ Stovetop stuffing | | ✓ Canned vegetables |

Special Project Needs

Please only donate new items

- ✓ Diapers/Baby wipes/Baby shampoo/Baby lotion/Baby powder/Diaper rash ointment
- ✓ Baby wash cloths/Receiving blankets/Onesies/Burp Cloths
- ✓ Baby Bottles/Pacifiers/Teething Rings/Rattles

Monetary Donations

You may make specific contributions for these program areas and needs. (If giving specifically to one of these program areas, please follow the instructions given below):

All checks should be made out to the "VA Medical Center Voluntary Service". However, if you desire your donation to go to a specific area or would like the funds to be used for a specific purpose such as the ones listed above, please include a letter with your specifications to avoid any misinterpretation of your intended donation. Also include the associated check number somewhere in the letter. Otherwise, please indicate which fund you would like your contribution to go to by using the names and numbers associated with each of our funds. If no letter or name/fund identification number accompanies the donation, it will be placed in the General Post Fund (#9628). If you would like to know about specific areas that are in immediate need of monetary donations, please contact Voluntary Service Office at (618) 993-4121.

Food Pantry Donations (#9641) – This fund is used to purchase food items for the food pantries throughout the servicing area.

Coupon Book Donations (#9642) – This fund is used to purchase coupon books for Veterans use at the Veterans Canteen Service (VCS).

Chaplain Fund (#9614) – This fund is used to purchase religious educational materials for our Veterans.

Recreation Therapy Fund/CLC (#9616) – Funds to support recreational activities of Veterans, particularly in our Community Living Center.

Residential Rehabilitation Therapy Program (RRTP) Equipment Fund (#9617) – This fund is used to purchase equipment mainly for different outpatient recreational therapy programs such as adaptive gear, kayaks, guitars, harmonicas, art supplies, exercise accessories, fishing gear, educational materials, and other needs and provisions.

Residential Rehabilitation Therapy Program (RRTP) Equipment Fund (#9618) – This fund is used to assist veterans with travel to different national and regional events, programs and clinics such as the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic, Team River Runner, Project Healing Waters and more.

VA Voluntary Service Committee Fund (#9624) – The use of monies donated to this fund are determined by the VAVS Committee. All monies are used to support the VA efforts for Veterans of the community.

Social Work Services Fund (#9627) – This fund assists in providing Veterans for a one-time immediate or emergency need that cannot be met by any other immediately available means.

General Fund Marion (#9628) – This fund is a general fund through which all monies are used for Veterans for identified needs and other provisions.

General Fund EHCC (#9629) – This fund is a general fund through which all monies are for identified needs for Veterans and other provisions.

Veteran Lodging (#9630) – This is available to Veterans who reside out of the area and are not able to afford lodging for themselves (or caregiver) while receiving medical care.

Volunteer Support and Recognition (#9633) – This fund assists in supporting the awards and recognition, appreciation, education, training, uniforms, etc. of our dedicated volunteer staff.

Transitional Care Management Fund (#9632) – The TCM fund helps the OEF/OIF Era Veterans with food, clothing and many other needs.

VeTRANS Fund (#9634) – These monies are used to assist Veterans with transportation needs when all other options have been exhausted and a need remains to transport a Veteran patient.

Vet Center Fund (#9635) – These monies assist in the mission of the Vet Center which provides resources and counseling to Veterans and their families.

Residential Rehabilitation Therapy Program Fund (#9636) – This fund assists in providing for those Veterans in the RRTP program opportunities and outings, as well as other needs while in the program.

Homeless/At Risk Veterans Fund (#9637) – This fund assists the Homeless Veterans Program which provides for the many needs of homeless Veterans.

Women Veterans Program (#9638) – The monies donated to this fund go directly to helping female Veterans with needs, i.e. baby products, female products, etc.

Blinded American Veteran Fund (#9639) – This fund helps assist blind Veterans with travel needs and other various needs and opportunities for attending activities and events they would not otherwise have an opportunity to attend.

Heroes in Hospice (#9640) – This fund helps to provide a final wish/dream for Veterans in hospice care.

CLC/Hospice (#9643) – These funds are used to provide additional comfort and care items for those residing in the CLC or in Hospice.

Welcome Home (#9645) – This is a fund that provides Veterans who are returning home with food, clothing, or other items that assist in the readjustment process.

National Salute (#9646) – This fund is used to celebrate Veteran patients during National Salute Week during the week of Valentines each year. The funding is used primarily to purchase tokens of appreciation, refreshments, and to host special events during that week!

Caregiver Support Fund (#9647) – This fund is available to support Veteran caregivers in various ways as they care for Veterans receiving care through the VA.

***If you have more specific questions regarding these funds, feel free to call or office and inquire.
Thank you for your partnership with us!***