



Illinois Veterans' Home – LaSalle

1015 O' Conor Avenue

LaSalle, Illinois 61301

The following is a list of items that the Illinois Veterans' Home would appreciate to provide the best possible care to the veterans we serve.

Volunteer Services & Activities:

Groups & Individuals –

- **Sponsor parties and provide entertainment programs**
- **Sponsor outings for dinner and entertainment**
- **Take residents outdoors when weather permitting (courtyard monitor)**
- **Sponsor "Art without Boundaries" program. Approximately 125.00 monthly**
- **Group(s) to sponsor "Welcome Package" for every new admission. Packet will include a tote bag, polo shirt, cap, etc. Tote bag, polo shirt, and cap will have an IVH-L logo printed on it. (On-going expense)**
- **Funds to purchase artwork and seasonal decorations for the lobby area, corridors, and dining rooms, etc.**
- **Financial Support to purchase a Christmas gift for each resident (On-going expense)**
- **Funds to cover cost of TV service for veteran's enjoyment (Approximately \$800.00/month)**

Outdoor items for courtyards:

- We are looking for groups/individuals to adopt a courtyard of the front landscaped area. This would include weeding and keeping the areas looking nice year around.
- New large planters needed for the Courtyards—planters need to have the ability to stay outside all year long.
- Statues, spinners, and other decorations for various courtyards

Please contact Susan Scully before purchasing due to courtyard themes.



When sending monetary donations, please make check payable to:

Illinois Veterans' Home- LaSalle or IVHL

Please contact Susan Scully, Director of Volunteer services, prior to purchasing any of the items on this list.

Due to Policy and Procedure we can not accept Gift Cards



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**Monday – Friday
8:00 AM to 4 PM**



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Items Residents CAN use:

8 1/2" X 11" magnifier sheets
Adult Coloring Books—Large Pictures
Birdseed
Body Wash
Cake Mixes (Brownies/any flavor/cookies)
Cardstock paper all colors(8 1/2 X 11")
Coffee/Decaffeinated Coffee
Cricut cutting mats:12" X 12" or 12" X 24"
Crystal light pitcher packets (no tea)
Individually wrapped snacks

Plastic Table Cloths— Wal-Mart/Dollar Tree
(108" x 54")
Postage stamps (Forever stamps)
XRT1410—2021 VIZIO TV Remote
Pre-Shave lotion
BN59-01199F Samsung TV Remote
Scrapbook paper (12" X 12") Solid/theme
Soda - Regular and Diet
Sweatpants (M, L, & 2X)
Tennis balls
wheelchair bags—Large only

Due to Infection Control Policies, we do request that all donated items be new and unused.

Items NOT needed now:

Aftershave lotion/gel
Baby oil
Bar soaps
Bath powder
(We cannot use any powders)
Bird feeders/houses
Colored Pencils
Combs
Diabetic socks with grippers
Diabetic socks/Regular socks
Electric razors
Envelopes/Stationary
Fingernail clippers – Large size
Hotel/Motel soaps/lotions/shampoos
Jigsaw puzzles over 325 pieces
Lens cleaner - toilettes
Lotion (Lavender & all body)
Magazines over 3 months old

Medical equipment, such as:

- wheelchairs
- walkers
- canes
- G-tube supplies, etc.

Mouthwash
Nail files
New greeting cards
Playing cards
Pre-paid telephone cards
Puzzle books
Shaving cream
Sweatpants (XL)
Sweatshirts (all styles/sizes)
Underwear (all styles/sizes)
White T-Shirts /Colored T-Shirts (all sizes)
Quilts/blankets – All
Tooth bushes-all kinds
Toothbrush holders
Toothpaste
TV's

CURRENT VETERAN NEEDS

Marion VA

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), athletic shoes (size 10-11.5), work boots, slippers (M/F), Winter Coats (M-3X) both male and female
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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 XL
- ✓ White t-shirts, medium, L, XL, 2XL
- ✓ 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 | ✓ Dry dog food/Cat food | ✓ Canned soup |
| ✓ Beef stew | ✓ Spaghetti sauce and noodles | ✓ Small boxed dry cereal |
| ✓ Pork and beans/baked beans | ✓ Garlic & onion powder | ✓ Oatmeal |
| ✓ Chili/Manwich | ✓ Peanut butter crackers | ✓ Macaroni and cheese |
| ✓ Ravioli/canned pasta | ✓ Canned chicken and dumplings | ✓ Canned/dry milk |
| ✓ Coffee in the food section | ✓ Small bottles vegetable oil | ✓ Mashed potatoes |
| ✓ Hair shampoo /conditioner | ✓ Canned tomatoes | ✓ Popcorn |
| ✓ Jiffy mix | ✓ Canned fruit in light syrup | ✓ Canned dog/cat food |
| ✓ Manwich | ✓ juice – pineapple, peaches | ✓ Granola bars |
| ✓ BBQ sauce | ✓ Peanut butter | ✓ Spam |
| ✓ Salad dressing/ mayonnaise | ✓ Jelly | ✓ Canned vegetables |
| ✓ Saltines | | ✓ Small bags of sugar |
| | | ✓ Stovetop stuffing |

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
- ✓ Brain Booster Bag Items: Inquire for details

Jesse Brown VA Donation Needs List — 2023
Center for Development and Civic Engagement-CDCE
(formerly Voluntary Service)

Please note that this needs list is divided into four sections, based on donation need and donation type (monetary or item donation).

All donations to our program are 100% tax deductible and you will receive a thank you letter and copy of the donation memo if desired.

Section 1: Monetary Donations

Section 2: Item (in-kind) Donations

Section 3: Veteran Food Insecurity Programs

Section 4: Household Items for Newly Housed and Veterans in Need

Please review all the items to see what might make the most sense for you or your organization.

To arrange a drop off (please try to arrange at least three business days in advance) please call 312-569-6109 Mon-Fri from 7am-3pm, or email Don.Jackson1@va.gov, Bernina.Green@va.gov, Alberto Lopez Patrick.Gleason@va.gov. We can arrange to meet you at the entrance so you do not have to come in the building. We may not be available to accept unscheduled drop offs.

Thank you for your continued support of our programs designed to serve our Veterans! Questions about these programs? Call 312 569-6334 or email Patrick.Gleason@va.gov

Patrick and the Center for Development and Civic Engagement Team

provide the veterans with a sense of dignity and accomplishment and is often a 'once in a lifetime opportunity'.

> Women's Health Program- a donation to this fund supports numerous activities for women Veterans, including special events (such as baby showers) and emergencies facing women Veterans and their families.

> Crown Pt. Indiana outpatient clinic fund- a donation to this fund will support activities and needs for the Veterans that we serve at the Adam Benjamin, Jr. Outpatient Clinic in Crown Pt., IN

> Caregiver Support Program — a donation to this fund provides training opportunities and support for those that provide care for our Veterans that are at home but need a family member or friend to assist on a regular basis.

> Undergarments for our Veteran Closet Fund — donating to this fund provides new undergarments for Veterans that are referred by their social worker and have no other means of obtaining them. This is important for personal dignity and hygiene.

> Coffee Supply Fund — donating to this fund provides our outpatients with coffee and a chance to relax during their visit.

> Emergency Meal Coupon Fund- donating to this fund provides coupons for our patients that are dealing with immediate hunger when they visit their social worker.

> Holiday Fund — donating to this fund allows us to help our Veterans enjoy the various holidays by supporting the costs of special events and other holiday activities. This provides a sense of normalcy and shows the Veteran that the community is with them at the holidays.

Please contact Patrick Gleason at 312 569-6334 or patrick.gleason@va.gov if you have questions, and thank you for thinking of our Veterans!

>Baby items for new parents (all must be new)- diapers (size N, 1 & 2); wipes; baby bath tubs; bouncy seats

> Clothing donations- WE ACCEPT NEW AND VERY GENTLY USED CLOTHING (undergarments and socks must be new and in unopened packaging). THE CLOTHING MUST BE LAUNDERED AND FOLDED, PLACED IN A BOX, A BAG THAT IS STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD THE ITEMS (PLEASE DO NOT USE OVERSIZE BAGS- KITCHEN SIZE BAGS ARE BEST), OR ON HANGERS.

We accept the following adult sized items (all sizes are needed).

An * indicates it is a big need. We do accept women's clothing, but our biggest need is for men's items:

>shoes and boots*

>belts*

>jeans*, docker style pants*, sweat pants

>shorts, t-shirts, polos

>sweatshirts, long sleeve t-shirts, sweaters

>raincoats*, light jackets*

>winter coats*, gloves and hats

>men's underwear* and undershirts* (Must be new and in packaging)

>women's underwear* and sports bras* (Must be new and in packaging or on original hanger for sports bra)

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Jesse Brown VA Household Essentials List for Newly Housed and Veterans in Need

Kitchen:

trash can
dish cloths/dish towels
sponge
dish rack
mop
broom/dust pan
pots/pans
salt and pepper set
plastic cups/glassware set
cooking utensils
dishes
flatware
dish soap
plastic food containers

Bathroom:

shower liner and rings
bath towels and wash cloths
trash can
toilet brush
toothbrush holder
toilet bowl brush
plunger

Miscellaneous

flashlight/batteries
garbage bags
laundry basket
basic tool set
aluminum foil/plastic wrap

Bedroom:

full size sheet sets
pillows
blankets/comforters
hangers

Supplies

toilet paper
paper towels
laundry detergent
dish soap
window cleaner
toilet bowl cleaner
all purpose cleaner

Please note that all donations are 100% tax deductible, and Jesse Brown VAMC will provide documentation of the donation. **This list is a 'best case scenario', if you can't do it all, perhaps do one room, or focus on the supplies — the supplies are a huge need every day!** Thank you for considering our Veterans and their family's needs as they transition to permanent housing!

Patrick Gleason

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