

# WINTER WISH LIST

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – No experience required, we will train you!:**

1. **Red Coat Ambassador Program** – Greeters and Guides at all locations including CBOS (Monday – Friday)
2. **DAV** - Voluntary Transportation Network (Bethel/Sanford/Rumford/Aroostook/Augusta)
3. **Parking Lot Shuttle Driver** – (On-Call)
4. **Community Living Centers** – Meal Time Companion(must complete on-site training)
5. **Community Living Center Volunteers** – Friendly companion to a Veteran (Monday – Friday)
6. **Maintenance Volunteer** – Repairs, Construction Projects, Cleaning etc. – (Monday – Friday)
7. **Patient Representative** - (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
8. **Homeless Program Volunteer** – Organizing and distributing household items to Veterans (Tuesdays)

## **PROGRAMS IN NEED OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

1. Homeless Veteran Assistance Fund (Support the needs of Veterans transitioning into permanent housing)
2. Homeless Veteran Stand-Down (Supports yearly event that provides clothing, gear and personal care items for Homeless Veterans)
3. Funds to purchase Canteen/Coupon Books
4. Recreation General Purpose Funds to support various activities
5. Holiday Meal Fund (Provides meals for patients' family members during the holidays)

## **SPECIAL REQUESTS/PROJECTS:**

1. Comfort Items, large and travel sized items needed, i.e., nail clippers, toenail clippers, denture adhesive, body wash, body lotion, toothbrush covers, deodorant, disposable and electric razors (Higher Quality Razors Preferred), powders, & mouth wash. (**No alcohol based products**)
2. Gas Cards (\$10)
3. Tracfone Cards
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5. Hannaford Gift Cards (\$25)
6. Walmart Gift Cards (\$25)
7. Over the Ear Headphones (Must be New) **No Ear Buds**
8. Sneakers (sizes 11-13 mens)
9. Men's Underwear ( Small & Medium preferred but various sizes are needed)

**NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME:** VHS Movies, Afghans; Jigsaw Puzzles; Used Clothing; Used Stamps; Magazines over three months old; Dental Floss; After-Shave; Hand Lotion, Blank Greeting Cards and Envelopes. **Due to Infection Control policies we are unable to accept used clothing/bedding walkers, canes, or crutches.**

Currently we are unable to accept personal memorabilia and artwork.

**\*\*Homeless Housewarming items are not needed at this time due to having an ample supply on hand. \*\***

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs' General Post Fund for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. The announcement reflects the tax law provision, which makes those donations deductible as "donations to the United States". Donations to support any of the Department's programs are deductible, whether the donor directs that the donated funds be used for a specific purpose or allows the Department to decide how the donated funds will be used. Donated funds made by check should be made out to "VAVS" and sent to the address above

**\*\* Please note that donations can only be accepted Monday – Friday from 7:30am – 4:00pm. All donations must be dropped off at Voluntary Service B205, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, R307. The front desk or any other department cannot accept donations.**