



FALL 2022 WISH LIST

Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service
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1 VA Center (135)
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

1. Red Coat Ambassadors
2. Drivers (Parking Lot Shuttle and DAV)
3. CBOC and Vet Center Volunteers (Portland and Lewiston CBOCs)
4. Office Assistants (Mailings, welcoming Veterans, guiding Veterans)

PROGRAMS IN NEED OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

1. General Welfare Fund (This is a general fund that will be spent on something that directly benefits a Veteran while they are receiving care at VA Maine)
2. Recreation Therapy Fund (support Veterans residing on our CLCs, inpatient medical, and mental health wards as well as Veterans participating in outpatient programs)
3. Homeless Veteran Assistance Fund VA2K (Support the needs of Veterans transitioning into permanent housing)
4. Fisher House Fund (Provides Veterans' family members with household essentials and kitchen staples as they stay at the Fisher House while their loved one is receiving care at VA Maine.)
5. Fisher House Gift Cards (To supplement necessities for Veterans' family members while they are staying at the Fisher House.)
6. Vet Center or CBOC Funds (To support events hosted by the facility for the local Veteran programs.)

SPECIAL REQUESTS/PROJECTS FOR VETERANS:

1. Comfort Items, large and travel sized items needed, i.e., nail clippers, toenail clippers, combs, brushes, shampoo, body wash, 2 or 3 in one shampoo/body wash, body lotion, toothbrush covers, deodorant, disposable and electric razors (Higher Quality Razors Preferred), shaving cream, powders, toothpaste (travel size), polygrip & mouth wash. (No alcohol based products)
2. Visa Gift Cards (\$25 or \$50)
3. Gas Cards (\$15 & \$25)
4. **Tracfone** (flip & smartphones) & **Tracfone** cards (match the type of phone purchased)
5. **Hannaford** Gift Cards (\$25 & \$50)
6. **Walmart** Gift Cards (\$25 & \$50)
7. **Dollar Tree** Gift Cards (\$25)
8. Financial support for special events i.e pizza, ice cream parties, BBQs
9. Electric razors and electric hair trimmers
10. Sneakers (sizes 8-13 mens & womens, also wide sizes too)
11. New clothing, all sizes (sweatpants, t-shirts, underwear, PJs, also ladies clothing)
12. Winter coats, boots, gloves and hats

NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME: VHS movies, afghans; books, jigsaw puzzles, used stamp, magazines, dental floss, conditioner, after-shave, blank greeting cards and envelopes, socks. **Due to Infection Control policies we are unable to accept used clothing/bedding, walkers, canes, crutches or any medical supplies.**

Currently we are unable to accept personal memorabilia and artwork.

****Homeless housewarming items are not being accepted at this time. Gift cards are the replacement. ****

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