



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY • DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Dear Members of the Department of North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary:

I am so proud to continue serving as your Department Children and Youth Chairman. I know you all are feeling a bit overwhelmed by the many challenges we've face over the past few months, but we will all get through this stronger and more resilient.

My own family's situation changed recently when my mother suffered an accident at her home. Although Mom is on the mend, she and my stepfather have moved in with Gary and me. For the time being we are keeping an eye on them and assisting with their needs.

There are programs your unit might implement to help children and youth in your community.

- Do you know a 'kid' in your community that has gone above and beyond to help his/her neighbors? Nominate that youngster for the Auxiliary **Youth Hero and Good Deed Award**. Look for the Nomination Form included with this mailing. Just follow the instruction provided.
- **'Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2" Program'** - If you live in a community with children whose parent/s are deployed, let those kids know they are heroes too.
- **"How to Reach Out to Military Children and Youth"**
- **"Have a Safe Halloween" - American Legion Auxiliary Coloring Book** - Make more copies of the enclosed coloring book and share it with elementary aged children in your community. Be sure to include your Unit's contact information on the last page of the book. Perhaps sponsor a simple coloring contest.

Reporting Your Activity - Remember to report your unit's activities to me. Share your stories in a 'narrative form'. I would love to see the many ideas all of you come up with.

Thank you for everything you do for the children and youth and veterans and their families in your community.

Linda Siewert, Department Children and Youth Chairman