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Greetings North Dakota Auxiliary Members,

Recently the American Legion Auxiliary Children and Youth Committee received a grant from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation to enable a Project we call: Project Stuff Sack. All North Dakota units are invited to play a role and participate in this project.

The Department of North Dakota received a package from the National ALA Children and Youth Chairman to help us get started. The package contained a limited number of items:

- 28 ALA Branded Children and Youth String Bags
- 28 'How to' sheets (to assist you with directions for launching and successfully completing the project)
- 28 Copies of the ALA Halloween coloring book.
- 28 Packages of Crayons to get your started.

I encourage all North Dakota units to plan and participate in this project. If you would like a sample from the package mentioned above, please contact the Department Office at secretary@ndala.org. Be sure to include Project Stuff Sack in the 'SUBJECT" line.

To get started, plan a 'Project Stuff Sack' for children in your community. Perhaps there is a daycare center or a Head-Start program in your community.

- Call the director of the program or school to determine if this program would be welcome and how
 many children in your community will be affected.
- Then plan a project day to put the items in bags for delivery to the local program.
- Remember to document your activities, take pictures of the unit members participating in stuffing the bags and the delivering the items to the local program you have chosen.

Good luck with your project and be sure to send those pictures and articles to the Department Office for publication in a future "Message.'

Thank you for all you do to support our veterans, military, and their families as well as programs supporting children and youth of your local communities.

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