

Fargo VA Health Care System Suggested Donations

2101 Elm Street North; Fargo, ND 58102

Center for Development & Civic Engagement: 701-239-3700, extension 3395

The following items are requested for the comfort and welfare of Veteran patients as of August 2024. Please contact the CDCE for specific details on any of the items listed and before any transaction is initiated.

****Please note that due to hospital infection control policies, we are NOT permitted to accept any USED items, including blankets, clothing, toiletries, or otherwise, even if they have been laundered or cleaned prior to donation.**

Sewn Items

- 60" x 80" blankets or comforters in masculine colors/prints

NOTE: Lap robes and Afghans are NOT needed at this time

- *Walker bags
- *Wheelchair bags
- *Wound-vac bags

Children's Activity Bags

Individual drawstring bags filled with items to keep children busy while they attend medical appointments with their Veteran guardian.

Suggested items to include in the bag: coloring/ activity/word search/reading books, crayons, stuffed animals, foam shapes, lacing cards, stickers, small toys, etc.

****Please do no include food items or Play-Doh/slime.**

Comfort Items

- *Deodorant (men's and women's)
- *Toenail clippers
- Shaving Cream
- *Full-size body wash
- *Full-size shampoo, conditioner, and body lotion/cream
- *3-in-1 wash
- *Chapstick
- *Lens cleaner wipes for eyeglasses
- Fidget cubes, fidget spinners & pop-its (used for anxiety, dementia/Alzheimer's behaviors, and various therapies)
- *Toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, floss/flossers, and denture cleaner/adhesive for Veterans receiving outpatient dental care
- **NOTE: Bar soap, pens, cards and notebooks as well as travel-size shampoos, conditioners, bodywash and lotions are NOT being accepted at this time.**

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Gift Cards

- **\$25/\$50 Walmart Gift Cards:** to be provided to Veterans to cover a wide variety of emergent needs
- **\$25/\$50 Gas Station Gift Cards:** to be provided to low income Veterans that need to travel for medical appointments but do not qualify for beneficiary travel pay
- **\$25/\$50 Grocery Store Gift Cards:** to be provided to Veterans in need (Hornbacher's, Cashwise, Family Fare, etc.)
- **\$25/\$50 Dollar General/Family Dollar gift cards:** to be provided to rural Veterans in need

Clothing Items for Emergent Needs or Homeless Veterans:

All items must be brand new with tags or in original packaging per facility policy

- Sweatpants, Small—5XL
- Sweatshirts, Small-5XL
- T-shirts, Small—5XL
- Men's underwear, Small— 2XL

NOTE: socks are NOT needed at this time

*Emergency Food Bags for Homeless and At-Risk Veterans

*These food bags have been designed to meet the needs of this unique Veteran population as they do not require cooking, microwaving, refrigeration, or a can opener. Please ONLY include the items listed below. The Homeless Program cannot accept anything outside of this list.

Each paper or reusable grocery bag should contain:

- 3 Hormel "Compleats" (easy-open and shelf-stable meals)
- 3 individual servings of beef jerky
- 3 individual packets of trail mix
- 3 containers of Easy Mac
- 3 protein shakes
- 3 bottles of water
- 3 granola bars
- 3 fruit cups
- 3 Individual servings of tuna or peanut butter and crackers

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