

NEEDS LIST & CRITERIA

VA Nebraska – Western Iowa Health Care System Voluntary Service - **Omaha Campus**

Coffee for patients (Decaf and Regular) – Please purchase and deliver coffee to the Voluntary Service office. The coffee program has expanded directly to the wards so this is a critical and ongoing need. Individual packets of sugar, cream, and sugar substitute are also needed.

Travel sizes of shampoo, conditioner, and bar soap is NOT needed at this time

Patient Comfort Items – Combs and brushes shaving cream denture cleaner deodorant
razors alcohol free mouth wash lip balm emery boards

NEW: t-shirts (long and short sleeve) sweatpants sweatshirts gloves

Note: All donated clothing items must be NEW. Used clothing items cannot be accepted at NWI.

Newspapers: USA Today and Omaha World-Herald (**seeking to have six full annual OWH subscriptions**)

Frozen Cookie Dough-preshaped for the inpatient floors. Hy-Vee pre-shaped cookie dough is the type that we use. Chocolate chip; Sugar cookies; etc.

FOOD ITEMS:

Sugar-free snacks Bottled water Pop-top canned goods for the Homeless Veterans
Boxed Meals such as macaroni & cheese, Hamburger Helper, rice packages, canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam, etc.)
Pre-packaged fruit, Anything non-perishable Juice Boxes

Comfort Cart (End of Life): 4 carts staged on wards 2, 5, 6, and 7. (Call Voluntary Svc **402-995-3284** for more information)

Patient Activity Cart: Puzzles books (word search, number search, crossword, Suduko) small crafts (leather tool kits model airplanes and cars), dominos, checker sets, other small board games, pads, pens, pencils.

PLEASE, no jigsaw puzzles or decks of playing cards!

Children's Activity Bags: The children's activity bags are designed to serve a rapidly growing younger Veteran population. This greatly needed diversion item is given to children who accompany the Veteran parent to their VA clinic appointment. Organizations and individuals are needed to make small, kid friendly (bright prints and primary colors) (approximately 10' x 12") draw string ditty bags [**NEW MATERIAL PLEASE**]. Each bag (if possible) should be stocked with non-toxic crayons, coloring book, a reader and/or puzzles (ages 3 to 7) and perhaps stickers (**No pencils, sharpeners or other sharp objects or small potential choking hazards please**).

Books and Magazines: All donated reading material must be of appropriate subject matter. Books must also be free of dirt, mildew, etc...Such items will have to be tossed. Magazines must be 60 days or newer. NOTE: due to the abundant supply of magazines we receive, we are asking that donations of magazines be limited, since we continue to have much more than we need.

Lap Robes/Blankets: Accepted only during the month of **September** due to lack of storage space.

Monetary donations for General Post Funds in order of precedence

#1602 – General purpose fund for assisting with patient programs, activities, needs, etc. (High priority)

#1619 – SATU Account – for the Veterans on 10th Floor (High Priority)

#1647 – Food Pantry

#1634 – Recovery Center – for support of Veterans in the outpatient Mental Health setting

#1646 – Omaha Homeless Veteran Fund – for support of the Homeless Veteran Program

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