

NEEDS LIST & CRITERIA

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

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.

Patient Comfort Items – Account 1602 to purchase kits for inpatients. Combs and brushes, lotion, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, denture adhesive, deodorant, razors, bar soap, body wash, **alcohol free** mouth wash, lip balm & emery boards needed for homeless program, some inpatients & outpatients in need (**MUST BE IN SMALL SIZES**). Also needed are **new**: underwear (M/F) socks, undershirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, hats and gloves. **Note: All donated clothing items must be NEW. Used clothing items cannot be used at NWI and will not be accepted.**

Guest Relations Refreshment Cart: (items must be sealed, **store-bought**) crackers, cookies, juice boxes, sugar-free snacks, bottled water (16.9 oz. or smaller).

Comfort Cart (End of Life): 4 carts staged on wards 2, 5, 6, and 7. (Call Voluntary Svc 402-995-3283 for more information)

Patient Activity Cart: Puzzles books (word search, number search, crossword, suduko) small crafts (leather tool kits model airplanes and cars) playing cards (UNO, etc), dominos, checker sets, other small board games, pads, pens, pencils. **PLEASE, no jigsaw puzzles.**

Newspapers: USA Today and Omaha World-Herald

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 90 days or newer.

Lap Robes/Blankets: Due to lack of storage space these can accepted only during the month of **October**.

****NEW** Motor Scooter donations:** Monetary donations to purchase motorized scooters for patient use within the medical center. Scooters cost between \$2,400 to \$2800 each.

Monetary donations for General Post Funds:

- #1602 – General purpose fund for assisting with patient programs, activities, needs, etc.
- #1608 – Recreation – for support of activities for in-patients and out-patients
- #1628 – Stand Down Fund – for support of the Homeless Veterans Program annual event
- #1644 – Welcome Home Committee – for support of the annual Welcome Home Fair for Iraq/Afghanistan veterans
- #1646 – Omaha Homeless Veteran Fund – for support of the Homeless Veteran Program
- #1647 – Food Pantry
- #1719 – Hospice Fund – to support patient and families in their time of need



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