

**Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) Voluntary Service
"Putting Veterans First."**



MAKING A DONATION

Below is a sample of how, through your generous donation, you can help a SAVAHCS Veteran patient. For a complete list of donation needs and to assure the need still exists, **please contact Voluntary Service (VAVS) at 629-1822, prior to making a donation.**

HOW TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION

Please contact the Voluntary Service Office Staff to discuss your donation. SAVAHCS can accept monetary donations by on-line, or in the form of a check, money order or cash.

E-Donate will allow you to make your donation to the VA on-line through one of the following secure links; <http://www.tucson.va.gov/> or <http://www.tucson.va.gov/giving/>. Just click on the link and then on the **E-Donate logo**, which takes you to the Department of The Treasury website. You can make a secure online donation by credit card or electronic transfer.



Checks and money orders should be made out to SAVAHCS VAVS Patient Programs.

Please indicate if your donated funds applied to a specific patient program listed on the following pages or if you would like the VAVS staff to decide which patient program your donation should support.

HOW TO MAKE A MATERIAL DONATION

Before **donating clothing** please contact the Building 90 Clothing Room staff at 629-1839. All clothing donations can be delivered to the Building 90, Mental Health, Homeless Program, Monday – Friday, 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

For **"all other" material donations** please contact the VAVS Office to discuss your donation. All other material donations can be delivered to the Volunteer Office, in Building 58, Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All donations will be acknowledged with a thank you letter to the donor if a **Donation Acknowledgement Form** is completed and returned to the VAVS Office, Building 58 or the Homeless Program in Building 90. Additional donation forms can be obtained in each location.

Clothing

SAVAHCS will only accept new and unworn undergarments and socks. All clothing, shoes and hats must be cleaned and in good condition. Clothing donations are distributed to our homeless Veterans, and any other patient that comes into the hospital and requires clothing before leaving the hospital (e.g. Emergency Department, Wards, and Outpatient Surgery).

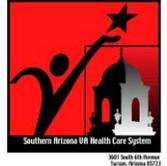
HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL PROGRAM NEEDS (sample – for more information refer to complete list)

VETERAN MEMORIAL PROGRAM – To honor and respect our patients that pass while receiving care in our hospital wards, SAVAHCS is collecting patriotic quilts and blankets (quilted or knitted) for the Veteran Memorial Program. The size of the quilts and blankets must be a minimum of 4' x 6'. The patriotic blankets will be draped over the deceased Veteran during transport within the hospital. The blanket will then be presented to the family.

FISHER HOUSE – A housing facility at SAVAHCS which will provide temporary residential accommodations for families out of town Veterans receiving treatment at our hospital, and their family members. For information on how you can become part of the AZ Fisher House project contact Dr. Dana Staggs, AZ Fisher House Committee Chairperson at 520-404-2526 or go to www.arizonafisherhouse.org.

To learn more at the Fisher House Foundation visit their website <http://www.fisherhouse.org/about/>.

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PATIENT CRAFT PROGRAM CRAFT KITS - Crafts provide therapeutic recreation and occupational therapy for hospital patients. Annual need is \$120,000.

NEW PARENT – BABY BASKETS ****Please call first as storage space is limited** – Baskets or diaper bags filled with items needed by new parents. Program supports expectant Veteran patient families. Contact Voluntary Service for a complete list of recommended items.

MUSIC THERAPY – Rehabilitation Unit, Recovery Unit and Psychiatric Inpatient Unit- \$40.00 per hour (twice per week).

PATIENT COMPANION PROGRAM – Activity Aprons are needed for this new program in which volunteers are trained to provide company for hospitalized patients who need extra attention so they do not get out of bed. This program helps prevent falls and injuries. Patterns for the aprons are available in the volunteer Office.

PATIENT RECREATION ACTIVITIES (entertainment, refreshments, outings) - \$500.00 per month

PATIENT COMFORT ITEMS (toiletries) – Distributed to newly admitted patients and patients in rehabilitation areas. – \$1,500.00 per month

Comfort Items- \$1500/Mo

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| Hand and body lotion | Non-skid Slipper Socks | Prepaid Phone Cards |
| Shaving Cream | Lap Robes (4x5 or 5x7) | Shampoo |
| Deodorant | Denture Cleaner | Lip Balm |
| Toothbrushes | Denture Grip | Coffee supplies |
| Socks (white) | Talcum Powder | Nail Clippers |
| Toothpaste | Comb/Brushes | Backpacks |
| Disposable Safety Razors | Knitted Caps | Shawls |
| Shaving Cream (small) | Shower Shoes | Stamps |
| Tote Bags | New Mom/baby baskets | Children's Books |
| Pocket Size Needle and Thread Kit | Children's' Activity Kits | Children's hand puppets |
| Heart pillows for cardiac patients | Activity Aprons for inpatient companion program | |
| Writing Paper and Envelopes | Twin Size quilts for the Community Living Center, B-60 | |
| Non-perishable Healthy Snacks for Hemodialysis, Emergency Department, etc. (call VAVS first) | | |

Recreation

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| Puzzle Books | Tickets for entertainment & sporting events |
| Books (novels) | Sports equipment (basketball, tennis rackets & balls, badminton set, Frisbees, football) |
| Pencils | Portable CD Player and CDs |
| Audio Books with built in headsets | |
| Magazine subscriptions (SAVAHCS does not accept used magazines) | |

Holiday Gifts

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| 1-2 Hour Phone Cards | Baseball Hats |
| Back Scratchers | Fleece Blankets |
| Watches | Gloves |
| Disposable Cameras | Book Lights |
| Audio Books on CD | AM/FM Radios with Headsets |
| CD Players with Headsets | T-Shirts (Arizona or sports oriented) |

Thank you for your support of our Nation's Veterans.

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs' General Post Fund for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. This announcement reflects the tax law provision which makes those donations deductible as "donations to the United States."