



Guidelines for Donations

All donations must go through CDCE (formally Voluntary Service). If you would like to make a specific donation, either monetarily or materially, please check with **CDCE at 607-664-4771/4423** to ensure its appropriateness and necessity. In accordance with 38 U.S.C. 8301, VA is authorized to accept donations or gifts for the benefit of patients. 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 is deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. The announcement reflects the tax law provision with donations deductible as “donations to the United States.”

Donations to support any of the VA Medical Center programs are deductible whether the donor directs that the donated funds be used for a specific purpose or allow the VA Medical Center to decide how the donated funds will be used. We value the selection for your monetary donation and appreciate your generosity.

CDCE staff is committed to making certain that your donation is used for the sole purpose of your intent. Please feel free to contact us at any time at 607-664-4423.

MONETARY DONATIONS

NOTE: Checks should be made payable to the **BATH VA MEDICAL CENTER** and Mailed to “**Bath VA Medical Center, Attn: CDCE (135), Bath, NY 14810.**” Please specify which account or program your donation supports. Also include a name and complete address for acknowledgement of donation.

CONTRIBUTED ACCOUNT–MULTI-PURPOSE #1416

Funds designated for this account are used to purchase a wide range of items for Veteran patients and programs that meet all hospital safety criteria. These items and programs include:

- Clothing Room
- Jump Start Program
- Special patient needs and general items for needy Veterans
- Unsponsored Recreational Activities or Programs
- Wander Garden

PRRC (Psychosocial Rehab Recovery Center) # 1404

Funds deposited into this account will provide supplies and activities for Veteran patients using this treatment program to experience and practice daily living skills.

TRAVEL/NEEDY BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT # 1405

Funds deposited into this account are used to provide emergent transportation and/or lodging for needy Veterans.

HOLIDAY ACCOUNT #1408

Funds designated to this account are used as follows:

- Operation Delivery Santa Claus – All patients receive a Christmas Gift
- Refreshments for holidays and patriotic events throughout the year for Veteran patients
- Decorations for patient areas and Medical Center grounds for various holidays

BVL ACCOUNT #1409

Funds are used for bowling alley equipment or repairs and pool table equipment or repair.

CO ADVANCED/SOCIAL WORK #1411

Donations used for care givers recognition, welcome home events, outreach events, Veteran community projects, suicide prevention and homeless Veterans.

VAVS OPERATIONAL # 1418

Funds deposited into this account are used for promotional items, postage stamps and other VAVS Committee needs.

MULTI FAITH #1421

Funds to be used for Multi Faith services and programs.

CLOTHING ROOM

Voluntary Service is **no longer** accepting used clothing donations. We will accept donations of **NEW** socks, underwear, t-shirts, sweatshirts, jeans or coats to be distributed to needy Veteran patients.

Monetary donations to GPF #1416 for this program are also very much appreciated as better pricing is available when we buy in larger quantities.

JUMPSTART PROGRAM

The Jumpstart Program assists Veterans who are being discharged into the community. This program provides household items to help them establish an apartment. We accept **new** items for this program. Monetary donations to GPF #1416 are also welcome for this program and should be designated to JUMPSTART.

PLEASE refrain from bringing in leftover garage sale items, as staff is limited in time that can be spent in sorting through these items and our storage areas have been cut drastically.

OTHER ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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| Body wash | *Amazon, TOPS, Walmart, Wegmans, or VISA gift cards |
| Deodorant | Fast food gift certificates (\$5 or \$10) |
| Regular coffee | Car models and acrylic model paints |
| *K-cups | New men's sneakers- Sizes 8-12 |
| Lotion | New postage stamps |
| Sweatpants (M-L-XL- 2XL) | Sweatshirts (M-L-XL-2XL) |

* **Most Needed items**

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Cologne, Aftershave or Mouthwash that contain **Alcohol**, Crocheted Slipper Socks without non-slip tread and used items.

We are currently not accepting puzzles, books, magazines, and lap robes.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Center for Development & Civic Engagement (CDCE) Team
(Formally Voluntary Service)**