



PATIENT WISH LIST ... A List of Funding Needs for Patient Projects and Programs at the Alaska VA Healthcare System

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION (Fund #4400) Funds are used to sustain the Alaska VA Voluntary Service Program by financially supporting volunteer recognition activities and items throughout the year.

GENERAL PURPOSE/ PATIENT NEEDS (Fund #4401) This fund supports a broad range of ongoing patient programs and projects, including the patient coffee/refreshment program, general patient needs, and comfort items. Given new security protocols at the VA Outpatient Clinic, a need has been identified for a golf-cart sized all season accessible vehicle that can be used to transport patients from the parking lot (e.g., disabled parking areas) to the inside of the facility for their appointments, etc.

ANCHORAGE VET CENTER (Fund #4402) This fund supports the needs of patients receiving care at the Anchorage Vet Center.

FAIRBANKS VET CENTER (Fund #4403) This fund supports the needs of patients receiving care at the Fairbanks Vet Center.

WASILLA VET CENTER (Fund #4404) This fund supports the needs of patients receiving care at the Wasilla Vet Center.

KENAI VET CENTER (Fund #4406) This fund supports the needs of patients receiving care at the Kenai Vet Center.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES-EMERGENT NEEDS (Fund #4407) Funds are used for emergency needs of patients, including items for indigent patients, which greatly assists in improving the quality of their lives. Emergency lodging, clothing, toiletries, and transportation to VA services may be authorized when other resources are not available.

DOMICILIARY/HOMELESS VETERANS (Fund #4410) This fund benefits our homeless Veteran patients and may be used to benefit patients receiving care at the VA Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs at the Alaska VA Healthcare System. Funds from this account are also used for the Ending Homelessness Support Program in the following ways:

- a. Personal comfort items needed by Veterans under VA care or treatment which includes new clothing (socks, underwear, pants, shirts, footwear, coats, gloves, hats, etc.); blankets, quilts, sleeping bags; pre-paid cell phones; or personal care items to facilitate and assist with meeting a Veteran's basic immediate needs.
- b. Household goods, cleaning supplies, apartment start-up kits, small household appliances, and cookware needed by Veterans under VA care or treatment, (for example with their start-up needs when transitioning into permanent housing).
- c. Rental deposits and utility bills for Veterans under VA care of treatment. Funds must be disbursed directly to the vendor of the utility or landlord for the specific purpose identified. The fund is not to be utilized for any other debts such as rental payments, credit card bills, car loans, or personal loans.

WOMEN VETERANS (Fund #4413) Donations in this fund are used to financially support the needs and activities of the Women Veterans Program. Examples of women Veteran activities include: Spring Health and Wellness Fair as well as the Women Veteran Recognition Ceremony each Fall. Other Women Veteran Program activities include health education and wellness initiatives.

VA SPECIAL REHABILITATION EVENTS (Fund #4417) Donations from this fund are used to financially support the travel expenses for Veteran patients attending VA-sponsored rehabilitation events such as the National Veteran Golden Age Games as well as National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic in Colorado.

WHEELCHAIR GAMES (Fund #4418) Donations from this fund are used to financially support the travel expenses for Veteran patients attending the National Veterans Wheelchair Games VA-sponsored rehabilitation event.

VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE COMMITTEE (Fund #4420) Funds may be used by the Alaska VAVS Advisory Committee to further the business of the committee. Funds may be used in support of VAVS recognition/awards, VAVS youth recognition, and annual VAVS National Advisory Committee meetings.

OEF/OIF WELCOME HOME (Fund #4421) Funds may be used to provide services and address needs of returning Veterans and their families [e.g., Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)]. Funds may also be used to support annual Welcome Home Veteran Appreciation celebrations.

FAIRBANKS TAXI VOUCHERS (Fund #4426) Donations from this fund are used to provide Veteran patients who do not have transportation resources with taxi vouchers for travel to their medical appointments with the VA in Fairbanks.

PATIENT COMFORT ITEMS (Fund #4424) The following items are always needed for patients who do not have the necessary comfort items for hospitalization: shaving cream, denture cleaner, plastic disposable razors (no generic brand at least twin blades), combs, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and hand sanitizing lotions. It is always extra special when groups make a project out of this and provide us with the ready-to-go kits. We suggest you use the trial size (personal size) items. Each kit could be a large zip-lock plastic bag or similar plastic bag. The kits may also contain items such as pens, emery boards, shower caps, powder, etc. if you wish. Our current inpatients are in need of baby wipes, hand sanitizers, brand name Kleenex, brand name razors, sketch pads, large-print word search books, and relaxation music CDs. **No cologne, mouth wash, aerosols, or VHS tapes – please!!**

To make a monetary donation to the Alaska VA, please make check payable to: **ALASKA VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM** and document the fund that you want the donation deposited into on the Memo line of the check. Checks can be mailed to:

**Alaska VA Healthcare System
ATTN: Voluntary Service (135)
1201 North Muldoon Road
Anchorage, AK 99504**

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