

ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME WISH LIST

The following items are needed at the **Illinois Veterans' Home in Quincy, IL**. Thanks to all the wonderful groups throughout the State of Illinois that have helped us these past years. You really make a difference in the life of our residents. Our current census is approx. 430; 70 of these residents are women.

Clothing

New and used items, mainly large sizes up to 5X such as trousers, shirts, belts, socks - crew length, undergarments, house shoes or slippers, purses, costume jewelry, watches, totes, scarf's, ties, shoelaces, shoes -- all of these items needed for men and women both. Rule of thumb, if you wouldn't wear it, don't send it.

Comfort Items

Personal toiletry items such as: shaving cream, aftershave, cologne, hair cream, toothpaste and brushes, denture cleanser, deodorant (not spray), body lotions in lavender or lemon, baby body wash (different than lotion, this is a wash that is very gentle for aged skin), shampoo & conditioners, kleenex.

Coverlets – These are used to spread on top of their beds to brighten their room and can be used as a light cover. Similar to laprobes but longer.

Prepaid phone cards -- For 75-150 minutes. This gift enables our residents to call home and talk to loved ones without any expense. This gift gives them dignity and immediate gratification. This has become a most popular request from our residents.

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Gloves, umbrella's, rain bonnets, rain ponchos -- the kind that snap down the sides (we use these for escorting residents from the nursing unit to rehab for therapy), stocking caps and scarves.

Activity Items

Large print word search books, magazines that are less than two years old regarding men's interests, newspaper subscriptions (these funds can be donated to our library), DVD movies, large scale models to be put together, paint by number kits, Coffee Shop cards - \$9.00 each which allow residents to purchase food and drink items – can be purchased in our business office, -- leather kits, garden planting tools, seeds, planters -- we have specific sizes needed that are wheelchair height - call and we'll give more info.

Food Items

Snack cakes, cookies (homemade or store bought – no nuts please), crackers, chips; breakfast bars, microwave popcorn -- another popular request are sardines, individually wrapped candies – sugar free as well as regular, chocolate single size packaged candy, fruit cups, rice krispie treats, etc.

Library Items:

Large print books are becoming our regular stocked items and are badly needed. Cash donations can be made and our librarian will be able to make the needed purchases. Men's reading material such as westerns, popular science, hunting and fishing to name a few are always needed. DVD's, latest movies are a plus!! Magazines need to be less than two years old and all soft-bound books need to have their covers on. Hometown newspaper subscriptions and periodicals are greatly appreciated. To avoid duplication contact our librarian, Lynn Fleming at 217-222-8641, ext. 248 for further information.

Items we can't use: Lap robes, scuffies/handmade slipper/socks -- (too slippery on tiled floors) crochet/afghan items ~~these~~ shrink during our laundry process; condensed Readers Digest, National Geographic, text books, out-dated used clothing, record albums and VHS tapes/movies.