

VAVS Meeting

May 20, 2021

Recreation Therapy Service Wish List

Recreation Therapy Service is very appreciative of the support they receive from the volunteers of VA Palo Alto. We acknowledge the compassion you have shown to our Veterans. We are continually providing Recreation and Creative Art Therapy to our Veterans in all our programs as the pandemic continues.

If you would like to support our programs, please consider the following:

- **Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM).** In the past, MHICM and VRC have had Graduation/Commencement Ceremonies for those who successfully complete the programs. The program is asking for sponsors for their graduation ceremony. Suggestions from our planning committee: Trader Joe's gift cards to purchase light snacks, flowers, treats. Or Door Dash certificates, or other gift cards to celebrate their accomplishment. The ceremony is planned each quarter typically up to 4 per celebration. The next Commencement Ceremony is slotted for July 2021.
POC: Angie Kwan, Recreation Therapist, MHICM
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- **Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Center** is looking for dinner sponsors for their weekly dinner program. The average number of participants for the dinner program is twelve. Restaurant gift cards, such as Chipotle, Pizza, Baja Fresh, Pasta Market would be appreciated.
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- **Spinal Cord Injury Center** would like a Samsung - 75" Class Q90T Series QLED 4K UHD Smart Tizen TV for the Veterans multi-purpose room to be able to host educational programming, Zoom group meetings, adaptive gaming, VR programming, movie nights, etc. The large screen monitor is helpful for the Veterans to see images on the screen. Here is the link to the smart TV they are requesting: <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/samsung-75-class-q90t-series-qled-4k-uhd-smart-tizen-tv/6402403.p?skuld=6402403>
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- **The Western Blind Center** would like to offer veterans with vision impairment more of a variety of newer movies and shows for movie nights and options for descriptive audio options which is available on Netflix. A \$100 Netflix gift card would enable us to enrich the veterans stay by having them experience tv/movies in a social environment. Also, Netflix would give veterans access to movies through descriptive audio that they might not be able to enjoy otherwise.
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- **The Trauma Recovery Program** would like to offer veterans with more of a variety of newer movies and shows for movie nights on Netflix. A \$100 Netflix gift card would enable us to enrich the veterans stay by having them experience tv/movies in a social environment.

POC: Melissa Puckett, PTSD Supervisor

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- **520 Inpatient Psychiatry** needs Costco gift cards so they can buy pizza for the patients during holidays, for example Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day.
- **POC: Jessica Kellogg, Recreation Therapist**
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