

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

The Center for Development & Civic Engagement



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Special Needs Areas

Many ask how they can be of most use to Veterans. The answer is simple: give, and volunteer. There are many areas that are always in need of funds including but not limited to:

CTRS— GLA's homeless program is in constant need of 10 person tents, sleeping bags, cots, water and flip flips

The Welcome Center— Located on the North Campus in West LA, the Welcome Center is where homeless Veterans can go to be processed for services, take a shower, wash their clothes. Monetary donations are best as the needs are constant and change depending on the Veteran.

Women Veterans— All too often this group of patriots are undercounted, overlooked or just forgotten about. GLA has worked to make our Women Veterans feel this too is a safe place for them, but it is not easy. Monetary donations go towards Military Sexual Trauma Luncheons, Pamper Me Days, Baby Showers, Breast Cancer Awareness. On the wish list are breastfeeding pods to afford privacy for nursing mothers.

Some other worthy programs include:

- Caregiver Support
- PTSD Programs
- Pantries
- Fisher House



West Los Angeles

Constant Needs:
Grocery Gift Cards
Department Store Gift Cards
Sweatpants (S, M, L, XL, XXL)***
Sweatshirts (S, M, L, XL, XXL)***
Flip Flops***
New Underwear (male and female)
Clothing (male and female, preferably new but can be gently used)
School Supplies (all ages)
Hygiene Products (male and female)
Flash Lights
Batteries
Cell Phone Chargers
Power Banks (for small electronics)
Prepaid Cell Phones
Electronic Tablets
Shoes (male and female)
Pajamas (male and female)
Makeup
Feminine Hygiene Products
House Robes (male and female)
Laptops/Computers
Women's Gift Baskets
Reusable Water Bottles
Small Household appliances
Towels/Hand cloths (must be new)

*** Indicates high, constant demand

Who & What is CDCE?

CDCE or Center for Development & Civic Engagement is a multi-faceted service provided at most VA Hospitals. CDCE supplies volunteers for departments throughout the VA, acts as the official depository for all donated funds to benefit Veterans, as well as donations in general. We are the main point of contact for local stakeholders to keep them informed on events and needs in the Veteran community.

The CDCE in Greater Los Angeles provides food, clothing, household items, electronics, gift cards, and even toys for the children of Veterans at four sites: Santa Maria, North Hills, Downtown Los Angeles, and our hub in West Los Angeles located between Brentwood and Westwood. West Los Angeles is also where we assist Veterans who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

CDCE works with non-profits, governmental entities, schools, and so many other organizations to provide for the needs of the Veterans we serve. As a department inside the VA, CDCE works with clinics to provide useful events and programming to contribute to patient care.

Want to volunteer? Come see us. Want to donate? Come see us. Want to use your certified skills to give back to your community? Come see us. We serve because we care.

How can you help?

Be a part of the solution. CDCE is always looking for items to benefit our Veterans. We maintain a list of the most needed items that can be delivered directly to our offices.

Needs by Site:

Santa Maria

Grocery Gift Cards
Department Store Gift Cards
Back Packs
Hygiene Kits
Goodie Bags
Duffle Bags
Sweatpants (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
Sweatshirts (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
Flip Flops
Jackets (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
Sporting/Entertainment Tickets
(Santa Maria also supplies Santa Barbara, San Louis Obispo and Bakersfield)

North Hills

Baseball Caps
Sweatpants (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
Sweatshirts (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
Duffle Bags
School Supplies (all ages)
Beanies
Mittens/Gloves
Grocery Gift Cards
Department Store Gift Cards

Downtown Los Angeles

Backpacks
Can Openers
Cell Phone Chargers
Power Banks (for small electronics)
Hygiene Products (male and female)
Flash Lights
Batteries
First Aid Kits
Sleeping Bags
Sweatpants (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
Sweatshirts (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
Grocery Gift Cards
Department Store Gift Cards
Non-Perishable Foods
Baseball Caps