

# Veterans Exiting Homelessness



We've all heard the stories. We've all seen the pictures of the homeless veterans struggling to regain their footing when returning to civilian life. They risked their lives for us. They could use a hand...

The good news is that the Veteran's Administration (VA) has a wonderful rent subsidy program that moves the homeless veterans to apartments - with a success rate of over 60% by the 2 1/2 year mark!

But there's one missing component, and that is paying for the initial and ongoing household goods that make an apartment a home, and makes that home the basis to change a life.

In conjunction with a national veteran's organization (Military Outreach USA), **we can make a difference!** On this upcoming weekend of **November 13/14** the household items shown below will be collected at **St. Theresa Parish, 455 N. Benton Street in Palatine**. The VA will distribute 100% of the items collected to service veterans in the greater Chicagoland area by the following week's end. **Please help fill the collection bins.**

**Help Our Veterans by donating items that they need to set up their new home.**

## Veterans Exiting Homelessness: Move-In-Essentials

When a veteran leaves a shelter or transitional housing and moves to a permanent residence, they often do not have the basic items need to set up their new home. Aside from a need for bedding and furniture, they need the basic items we often take for granted. This collection drive will serve to assist veterans that are moving into a new home. All of these items will be delivered to a VA facility to be distributed to a veteran in need.

### Personal Hygiene

Bath Soap  
Shaving Cream  
Deodorant  
Combs  
Hair Brush  
Nail Clipper  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrush  
Sunscreen  
Chapstick

### Kitchen and Cleaning

Kitchen Trash Can  
Windex  
Pine Sol  
Dishwashing Liquid  
Dishcloth  
Sponge  
Mop  
Bucket  
Broom  
Dustpan  
Paper Towels

### Bathroom

Toilet Paper  
Wash Cloth  
Plunger  
Toilet Bowl Cleaner  
Toilet Brush  
Bath Towels  
Shower Curtain

### Miscellaneous

Smoke Detector Battery  
Flashlight w/Batteries  
Wall Calendar  
Appointment Book  
Garbage Bags  
Laundry Basket  
Hamper  
Laundry Detergent  
Aluminum Foil  
Pampers (Diapers)  
Light Bulbs



These Move-In-Essentials provide a Veteran exiting homelessness with the basics needed as they transition to their new, permanent residence.

**These items are needed on a continuing basis.**

