Operation Care Packs for Homeless Veterans

Girl Scouts have always stepped up to assist those in need. At the moment, there are hundreds of our U.S. veterans living on the streets of Chicago and the suburbs. To help relieve some of the discomforts these heroes are experiencing, Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana will be initiating a service project, “Operation Care Packs for Homeless Veterans.” The Guardian Corps of America will assist with this initiative. The Guardian Corps of America is a Bold and Daring Street Organization! They build bridges to the future for all homeless veterans!

How You Can Take the Lead

To participate in this project, we are asking that Girl Scout troops and volunteers assemble in drawstring bags care packs of specific hygiene items. We also request that you add to the care pack a card made by a Girl Scout that thanks the veteran for his/her service. On the back of this flyer is the list of items to include in the care packs. **Drop off between March 12, 2024 - March 29, 2024.**

There are various ways for troops and service units to acquire the needed items for the care packs. A collection drive in the community could be initiated, a troop could ask each member to provide one or two items for the care pack, donations could be sought from community businesses, or Girl Scouts could decide to purchase items from their troop funds. No matter how the items are obtained, just know that every care pack delivered to a homeless veteran will be immensely appreciated, and Girl Scouts will have followed the law that asks us to be “Considerate and Caring.”

Questions? Contact: kschillings@comcast.net OR info@usaguardian.org OR (630) 415-3281
Items Needed

- Shampoo
- Body Wash or Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dental Floss
- Deodorant
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Hand Sanitizer
- Wet Wipes
- Lotion
- Sunscreen
- One or More T-shirt
- Underwear
- Socks
- If packing for a woman please add:
  - Conditioner
  - Menstrual hygiene products

95% of the care packs needed are for men. Please keep this in mind when you are assembling the care packs.

Drop Off Instructions

Please use a piece of duct tape on the outside of the drawstring bag and use a Sharpie to write “M” for men and “W” for women. Also, please indicate the size of the t-shirt: S, M, L, XL, XXL, etc. The tags are important so that the Guardian Corps can distribute the correct size care pack to each veteran.

Drop Off Dates

March 12, 2024 - March 29, 2024
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Only:
10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
(Closed for lunch 1:00-2:00 p.m.)

Drop Off Locations

Gathering Places:
- Burbank- 4850 West 87th Street, Burbank, IL 60459
- Chicago- 20 S. Clark St. Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60603
- Greene Wood- 3155 71st Street, Naperville, IL 60517
- Joliet- 1551 Spencer Road, Joliet, IL 60433
- Schererville- 705A, US Highway 41, Schererville, IN 46375
- Vernon Hills- 650 N. Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Purchase your patch when you drop off your care pack!

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