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Memo regarding: Fundraising Collections of Gift Cards and In-Kind Items

Dear Friends of MSHV,

In recent months, the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans has been very fortunate to receive an abundance of gift cards and in-kind goods (i.e.-clothing, supplies) from individual donors and groups doing fundraising collections. These have been very helpful in allowing us to fulfill parts of our core mission. Not all donations are the same, or provide us the flexibility to adequately address the full spectrum of needs our veterans experience. We would not wish to be in a position where we had an abundance of one type of resource, but lacked the other resources that allow us to best serve the needs of our veterans.

As of this time, we have an adequate reserve of gift cards. If you are part of a group that wishes to become involved in fundraising for MSHV, we strongly encourage you to consider doing a collection of *financial donations*, as this provides us with the flexibility we need to continue our mission. We will still accept in-kind goods from individual donors to meet the needs of veterans through the Freedom Commissary and those residing in our housing programs.

We thank you for your continued support and for helping us to continue our vision of No Veteran Left Behind!

Sincerely,

*Jane Tyschenko*

Executive Director



# Wish List

Due to an overwhelming response and the generosity of many, we are only accepting the clothing items listed below. We do not have the space to store any other items. Thank you.

## **Current Needs**

(\* = We Are or Almost Out Of)

### **Clothing**

- **\*Men's and Women's Spring and Summer Jackets**
- **Shorts**
- **\*Slippers**
- **\*Men's Large Underwear**

### **Household Items**

- **\*Microwaves**
- **\*Coffee Makers**
- **Flatware Sets**
- **Drinking Glasses**
- **\*Bath, Hand and Wash Cloth Towel Sets**

### **Cleaning Supplies**

- **\*All Purpose Cleaners (Mr. Clean, Pine Sol, etc.)**
- **Brooms and Mops**
- **\*Liquid Laundry Detergent**
- **\*All Purpose Spray Cleaner**
- **\*Liquid Dish Soap**
- **\*Kitchen Garbage Bags**

## **General**

### **Miscellaneous**

- **Storage Bins**
- **Wheaton Garbage Stickers**

### **Linens (New Please)**

- **Sheets Sets**
- **Pillow Cases**

### **Office Supplies**

- **Copy Paper**
- **Postage stamps**
- **Manila or Colored File Folders**

### **Household Items**

- **Toilet Paper**
- **Paper Towel**

### **Gift Cards**

- **PACE bus passes**
- **Metra Passes**

**When dropping off your donated items, please consider a financial donation designated for the Freedom Commissary to help cover operational costs, allowing us to continue providing household & personal items free of charge to Veterans and their families.**

**Thank you!**