

*In accordance with 38 U.S.C. 8301, VA is authorized to accept donations or gifts for the benefit of patients. This list of needs is provided to inform potential donors or gift givers of the needs of the local facility to “care for those who have borne the battle.”*

## **Financial Donation Opportunities**

The following is a list of financial donation opportunities at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston. Your donations are greatly appreciated. *GPF= General Post Fund*

### **GPF 9002 – Recreation Therapy Fund:**

Donations used to facilitate patient therapeutic activities for leisure education programs, such as admission to sporting events, movies, and providing lunch for patients while on community outings.

### **GPF 9003 – Patient Holiday Fund:**

Donations used for purchase of patient Holiday gifts, so every in-patient will receive a gift.

### **GPF 9004 – Social Work Emergency Fund:**

Established to provide assistance to Veterans and their families during times of need, it is used to cover those costs that are not part of the veteran’s healthcare benefit package and for family members caring for a disabled or ill veteran.

### **GPF 9006 – General Patient Fund:**

Donations used to assist veterans with needs during their stay at the hospital, including toiletries, underwear, wheel chair bags, walker bags, and general patient activities; Also used to support the Patient Coffee Cart Program.

### **GPF 9012 - Social Work Service Homeless:**

Donations used to assist homeless veterans find temporary housing. It allows them time to rest, recuperate, and regain the ability to care for themselves.

### **GPF 9013 – OEF/OIF Program**

Donations used in support of returning veterans.

### **GPF 9019 – Women Veterans Program:**

Donations used to support the Women Veterans Program, such as Women Veterans Recognition Week, facilitating the purchase of recognition certificates and gifts to our women veterans.

### **GPF 9032 – Special Recreation/Patient Activities:**

Donations used to support special patient programs, such as the National Veterans Golden Age Games.

### **GPF 9319 – Domiciliary**

Donations used to support the Domiciliary Care Homeless Veterans Program, a residential program for veterans located on Fannin. Veterans residing at the Domiciliary live in an apartment type setting while receiving treatment.

Online donations can be made via <http://www.houston.va.gov/giving/index.asp> .



**Monetary Donations can be made through E-Donate or mailed and made payable to:**

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center  
Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (00A/00C-135)-D  
2002 Holcombe Blvd.  
Houston, Texas 77030



In the memo portion of the check, please indicate the GPF # and the intent. If applicable, please include "In Memory" information, including who to notify of donation, on a separate sheet.

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**SUGGESTED NON-MONETARY DONATIONS**

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

- Afghan (bed size)
- Lap Robes, Wheel chair & Walker bags
- New ladies pajamas
- New Socks
- New or **Dry cleaned** gently used clothing. (men & women) We cannot accept clothing that has not been dry cleaned. Dry cleaned clothing must be on hangers and in original dry cleaning packaging.
- New undergarments in unopened packages
- New Caps/Hats
- Playing Cards
- Puzzles (new & under 500 pieces)
- DVD's
- All day and/or One way Metro Bus cards/Gas cards
- Phone Cards (15, 30, 60 min)
- New/Gently used Board Games
- New/Gently used Wii or Playstation 3 games
- New/Gently used handheld games & batteries
- Baby bottles, pacifiers, diapers, wipes, toiletries and onesies for Littlest Patriot Diaper Bag Program
- Electronic Bingo game system

**TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRY ITEMS**

- toothpaste/toothbrush
- Shampoo/conditioner
- powder, deodorant, shaving cream, lotion, non-alcoholic mouthwash
- combs, brushes, nail clippers

**READING/STATIONARY**

- Hard Cover Books
- Paperback Books, Crossword Puzzle books
- Magazines (no more than six months old)
- Books on DVD/CD

**ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:**

- Anything containing alcohol or tobacco
- Anything with glass
- Inappropriate reading material
- Any items that are in unacceptable condition
- Computers/VHS tapes/cassette tapes
- Furniture
- Wheelchairs
- Prosthetic items
- Scooters
- Crutches

**Donation drop offs are scheduled 24 hours ahead of time for items, as we do not accept unattended donations.**  
**Please contact the Voluntary Service Office (Room 2A-104), Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at (713) 794-7135 to schedule an appointment for acceptance of your donation.**

*VA accepting officials may decide to reject offers of gifts or donations of items for any reason including because there is no anticipated need for the items or the maintenance of the items would be out of proportion to their value. We are responsible for providing safe and clean donations. Items that do not meet these criteria will be refused.*

*The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs' General Post Fund for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. The announcement reflects the tax law provision which makes those donations deductible as "donations to the United States." A donation to support any of the Department's programs are deductible, whether the donor directs that the donated funds be used for a specific purpose or allows the Department to decide how the donated funds will be used.*

**For further information, contact the Volunteer Office at (713)794-7135 or [vhahouvolunteer@va.gov](mailto:vhahouvolunteer@va.gov)**

# ***Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (MEDVAMC)***

## **Book and Magazine Donation Guideline**

### **Overview**

MEDVAMC welcomes donations of hardbacks and paperbacks. These donations help enrich and improve our resources. MEDVAMC accepts books as donations with the understanding that they may be added to the collection or distributed throughout the medical center.

### **Guidelines for Accepting Donations**

MEDVAMC has a responsibility for providing safe, clean materials for VA patients. Therefore all items accepted **must not** have:

- Mold or mildew
- Wet pages
- Insect markings or droppings
- Large areas of pages previously wet but now dry
- Spider webs
- Excessive dust
- Cigarette smoke odor

If we receive materials meeting any of the criteria listed above, they will be destroyed. Please understand that materials donated should always be in good condition.

### **Receipts**

The MEDVAMC will not appraise donations for tax purposes. Voluntary Service *provides a receipt for tax purposes for donations.*

### **Delivery of Donated Materials**

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