



Dear Community Partner,

October 6, 2026

Everyone can agree that the holidays are considered the most memorable and joyous time of the year. Unfortunately, this is not a reality for everyone in our community. Some Veterans don't have a family to celebrate with, or perhaps they aren't able to afford presents to put under the tree. That's why for the fifth year; **Veteran Resource & Enrichment Center (VREC)** is proud to sponsor the **Healing Hearts Giving Tree (HHGT)**. Our goal is to provide 20 military families and 30 kids with a safe place to celebrate while creating happy memories, connections, and togetherness.

How can you make a difference?

1. **NOMINATE a Veteran or Family Member(s) in need:**

- Nominations of Veteran families in need will be accepted through **December 2nd**.
- Include each individual's name, age, gender, needs, holiday wishes, & branch of service.

2. **SPONSOR a Veteran or Family Member(s):**

- Request to sponsor a Veteran &/or Family Member(s), **once confirmed** go shopping.
- A list of needs/wants from families will be posted on Giving Tree & www.vrecmn.com.

3. **DONATE CASH:** Let VREC do the gift shopping for you! Monetary donations allow our team to purchase gifts and essential items for families who need assistance throughout the year.

4. **DONATE GIFT CARDS:** Gift cards are especially helpful and provide families with flexibility to purchase food, fuel, clothing, and other necessities.

Visa • Coborn's • Amazon • Walmart • Target • Kohl's • Kwik Trip • Circle K

5. **VOLUNTEER:** VREC needs holiday Elves to help prepare gifts and assist with our holiday festivities on December 12 and December 19. Contact us to find out details.

6. **DROP OFF GIFTS:** Bring Unwrapped gifts to VREC by **December 9th**.

7. **JOIN OUR GIFT-WRAPPING PARTY:** Saturday, December 12th | 12:00–5:00 p.m.

8. **CELEBRATE WITH OUR FAMILIES: CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Saturday, December 19th | 4pm to 9pm.

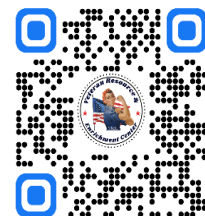
VREC provides support, resources and Enrichment and meaningful connections for Veterans and their families throughout Minnesota. We greatly appreciate your consideration and support for the Healing Hearts Giving Tree. Whether you nominate a family, sponsor an individual, donate, volunteer, or help spread the word, your involvement helps ensure that Veterans and military families in our community know they are **remembered** and supported during the holiday season.

Happy Holidays,

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