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Dear Community Partner,

October 10, 2025

For the fourth year, Veteran Resource & Enrichment Center (VREC) is sponsoring the **Christmas Healing Hearts Giving Tree** (HHGT) for our Veterans and their families. All too often, many of our community members are alone and isolated during the holiday season. Some don't have a family holiday gathering to attend; some don't have presents under the tree. Let's help be the difference! VREC's goal is to provide camaraderie and community by sponsoring 20 military families with about 30 children, providing them with gifts & a safe place to be for the holidays.

- Accepting **Nominations of Veteran families in need for HHGT, through December 1st.**
- **Drop off Unwrapped gifts by December 13th.** (tag each gift with the person's name)
- **Gift Wrapping Party on December 14th, from 10am to 5pm.** (join in on the wrapping fun)
- **VREC Healing Hearts Christmas Party on Sat, December 20th, from 2pm to 4pm** to honor the military families and see all the smiling faces. Games will continue after the gifts are distributed.

How can you make a difference?

1. **NOMINATE a Veteran or Military Family in need (provide list of needs).**
2. **SPONSOR a Veteran or Family Member:** Our recipients make it easier to shop for by giving ideas of what they can use or need.
 - VREC will post a list of needs/wants from nominees on [Facebook](#), our webpage www.vrecmn.com, & on the [Giving Tree at VREC](#). (will be updated when sponsored)
 - Call, Text, Email VREC with family or member to sponsor to ensure they are not taken already, once confirmation is received go shopping. (Suggested gift \$50-100 per person)
3. **DONATE Gift Cards:** such as Visa, Coborn's, Amazon, Walmart, Target, Kohls, Kwik Trip, or Holiday are common. The gift of house items/gas/food can make a difference for our families.
4. **DONATE Cash funds:** Let VREC do the gift shopping for you! (PayPal, Square, Check, Cash).

VREC provides daily support, resources and Enrichment to Veterans and their Families. We appreciate your consideration in making our mission successful!

Warm regards,

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