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Dear Community Partner,

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For the third year, Veteran Resource & Enrichment Center (VREC) is sponsoring the **Christmas Healing Hearts Giving Tree** 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 25 military families. Last year, VREC supported 18 Veterans/32 children with gifts & a safe place to be for the holidays. The **Giving Tree** is accepting **Nominations of Veteran families in need, through November 15th.**

**How can you make a difference?**

**1. 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](http://www.vrecmn.com), & on the Giving Tree at VREC, until **December 13<sup>th</sup>** or sponsored.
- Notify VREC of Family Member(s) you want to sponsor to ensure they are not taken already, once confirmation is received go shopping. *(Suggested gift price \$50 per person)*

**2. DONATE Gift Cards or Cash funds:**

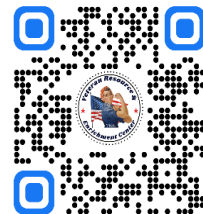
- Gift cards such as Coborn's, Amazon, Walmart, Target, Kohls, Kwik Trip, Holiday, or Visa are common. Even the gift of gas or food can make a difference for our families.
- Donate Cash and let VREC do the gift shopping for you! *(PayPal, Square, Check, Cash)*

Drop off unwrapped gifts by **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. This provides an opportunity for Veterans who use VREC for Enrichment to participate in the **Gift Wrapping Party on December 14<sup>th</sup>**, from 1 to 6pm. You are welcome to join in on the wrapping fun & come to the **VREC Healing Hearts Christmas Party on December 20<sup>th</sup>**, from 3:30 to 6:30pm to honor the nominees and see all the smiling faces. VREC is always available to provide support, resources and Enrichment to Veterans and their Families. We appreciate your consideration in making our mission successful!

Warm regards,

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