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Dear Community Partner,

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For the second year, Veteran Resource and Enrichment Center (VREC) wants to support the Christmas Healing Hearts Giving Tree program for our Veterans and their families. All too often, some 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. VREC's goal is to provide camaraderie & community for our Military families and a place to be for the holidays.

How can you make a difference?

- 1. Adopt an individual or family from our Giving Tree. Stop by VREC to choose a family, or watch our Facebook page/newsletter and select a family when we post the event. Our recipients make it a bit easier to shop by giving specific ideas of what they can use for Christmas.
2. Or, donate funds and VREC will do the gift shopping for you! (credit cards via Paypal, Venmo, or Square)
3. Or, donate \$25/\$50/\$100 gift cards, such as Coborn's, Amazon, Walmart, Target, Kohls, Kwik Trip, or Visa. VREC will use these to supplement gifts received from the Healing Hearts Giving Tree or help individuals with specific needs during the holidays. It's surprising how often VREC is asked to help with gas and food.

The Healing Hearts Giving Tree will be set up the end of October. Thank you for participating, please plan to make your donations by December 15th. Of course, dropping off your donations earlier will make it easier for VREC to ensure all recipient gifts are fulfilled and wrapped before our Christmas Holiday party in December.

If you have a Veteran or Veteran family that should be included in our Giving Tree program, please pass along their information or have them contact VREC in person at 501 17th Ave N, St. Cloud (M-F, Noon to 6pm), call 320-204-5660 or email vrecmn@gmail.com. Of course, VREC is here to help Veterans and their families with many needs throughout the year. Just send them our way! The Healing Hearts event is on December 20th at our facility in St. Cloud and we invite you to join us.

Warm regards,

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