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Donation drive for homeless Veterans

NEW ORLEANS – Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System is holding a donation drive to collect needed items for some of our most vulnerable citizens – homeless Veterans.

Donations of the following items will be accepted at the Veterans medical center at 2400 Canal Street from 7 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, from Sept. 16 – Oct. 16, 2019.

- Dental toiletries: tooth brushes, tooth paste, dental floss. **Not accepting mouthwash with alcohol.**
- General toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, soap, hand sanitizer, small first aid kits, deodorant, feminine hygiene products. **Not accepting razors.**
- Non-perishable foods: canned foods such as peanut butter crackers, granola/cereal bars, slim-Jim0, fruit cups, etc.; canned fish such as tuna/chicken, Vienna sausage, spam.
- Men's clothes: accepting all kinds and sizes, including men's casual jackets, hoodies, and windbreakers
- Shoes, accepting all kinds, in high need for sneakers
- **NEW** undergarments all sizes up to 3XL for men and women, including underwear, socks, undershirts, bras (**no underwire**), hats
- Backpacks, tote bags, gallon storage bags

For quick drop-off, a drive thru is set up on the Rocheblave side of the campus, just passed the emergency room parking lot, for donors to quickly drive through and drop off their donations.

Any donors wishing to make donations outside of the drive thru donation hours can make arrangements by calling the SLVHCS Voluntary Services team at 1-800-935-8387 ext. 62105.

Donations will be dispersed to homeless Veterans at the annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans scheduled for October 26, 2019 at the Veterans medical center, where SLVHCS, along with an array of community partners and volunteers, will come together to provide health screenings, food, clothing, employment and other resources to homeless Veterans throughout the region.

For more information about the new Veterans medical center, clinic locations and other services available to Veterans in southeast Louisiana, visit the website www.neworleans.va.gov, Facebook at www.facebook.com/VANewOrleans or Twitter at www.twitter.com/vaneworleans or Instagram at www.instagram.com/vaneworleans.

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