



# News Release

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## Picnic table donated to Hammond VA clinic

NEW ORLEANS – The Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System accepted a donation to enhance the Hammond VA Outpatient Clinic Monday to better serve Veterans.

“Thanks to Lowes store No. 1070, we now have a picnic table in a shaded spot across from our outdoor exercise equipment,” said SLVHCS Medical Center Director Fernando O. Rivera, FACHE. “It’s a perfect fit and I know the Veterans will love it.”

This Lowes store often looks for ways to give back to the Hammond community and this seemed a perfect way to show their support for the Veterans who come to the clinic.

“We had an Olympic Paint representative come to the store to do an in-service training for our employees on staining, and when it was finished, we had this great picnic table to donate. One of my Veteran employees suggested we give the picnic table to the VA,” Assistant Store Manager Kevin Keys said. “We employ a lot of Veterans at our store, so it seemed like a great thing to do.”

“We just want the Veterans to enjoy it,” concluded Keys.

Donations from Veterans Service Organizations and individual donors in the past have been used to support recreation therapy programs, the coffee program for Veterans waiting for appointments, various programs for homeless Veterans throughout southeast Louisiana and so much more.

To donate or to become a volunteer, call 1-800-935-8387 ext. 62107 or email [VHANOLVoluntaryService@VA.gov](mailto:VHANOLVoluntaryService@VA.gov).

For more information about the new medical center, clinic locations and other services available to Veterans in southeast Louisiana, visit the website [www.neworleans.va.gov](http://www.neworleans.va.gov), visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/VANewOrleans](https://www.facebook.com/VANewOrleans) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/vaneworleans](https://www.twitter.com/vaneworleans).



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