



South Dakota School Systems' Invite Veteran's Holiday Relief Drive Service Project

Please join the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary, Autumn Simunek, Miss Oahe and partners in providing a comfortable holiday season to our Veterans and military families in need. In honor of our nation's military heroes, this service-learning project will begin on Veterans Day, November 11, 2014, and you may join/partake throughout the first week of New Years, 2015.

Your participation can be a team, classroom, or entire student body and faculty working together to fill Buddy Baskets, an American Legion Auxiliary project to aid homeless veterans as they are placed in new homes; help to improve the lives of Veterans and their families. Simply collect a single relief item or items to assemble Buddy Baskets from the Home-warming Welcome Recipe or reach out to your community for monetary donations to build Buddy Baskets. Buddy together to teach civic engagement and set positive examples, i.e., bond military and non-military students, perform a chore or volunteer to earn or purchase the donation, or allow extra-credit for volunteer assignments.

Drop-off locations have been established to benefit our states outreach facilities, serving our highest Veteran's homeless count and reaching those at risk for homelessness or in need. You may request for your contribution(s) to be distributed in your community. Arrangements can be made to pick-up your items by contacting me via the below email.

Recognition: Each contributing school/group will receive a certificate of recognition. The top-contributor will receive a U.S.A Flag and tablet for educational learning, which will be presented by The American Legion Auxiliary Family and Autumn Simunek, Miss Oahe.

Please email a photo of the relief items collected with your group, along with an estimated value of the donation, a contact name, address, and phone number to the below email by **Jan. 15, 2015**. *Participating schools and photos will be share with the social media and PSA media.*

Please RSVP to Autumn.Simunek@gmail.com if participating or if you have any questions. Make the most of this season by teaching our children, our next generation the importance of giving back to those who fought for our freedom.

South Dakota Drop-off Locations

Buddy Basket(s) Home-warming Welcome Recipe

Assemble a Laundry Basket/Waste Basket filled with: Paper Towels, Bathroom Tissue, Window Cleaner, Scrubbing Cleanser, Rubber Gloves, Cleaning Sponges, Dust Pan w/ Hand Brush, Light Bulbs, Shower Curtains w/rings, Bath Towels, Laundry Detergent, Eating Utensils, Dishes, Dish Soap, Dish Towel Set;
– Frosted with clear wrap/bow and greeting tag/card

Vermillion – The Broadcaster/Plain Talk, 201 W Cherry Street
– Main Street Center, 320 West Main Street
Sioux Falls – Berakhah House, 400 N Western Avenue
Rapid City – The Cornerstone Rescue Mission, 30 Main Street
Hot Springs, The Veterans Town – RadioShack®, 204 S Chicago Street
Pierre – Hughes County Courthouse Basement, 104 E Capitol Avenue
(Adopted/Supported by Pierre Elks Lodge #1953)
Additional Locations: Email me to make arrangements with your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit

Single Item(s) of Need or Substitute Items Welcome

Bed Sheets (all sizes), Alarm Clocks, Household Kitchen Items, Hygiene Products (shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, etc.); Shopping Gift Cards or Monetary Donations to build Buddy Baskets or provide assistance to South Dakota's Veteran Outreach Centers and/or South Dakota Operation: Military Kids.



Thank you!
Autumn Simunek, Miss Oahe
&
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