

August 2024 HOSPITAL

The Needs Lists were sent out earlier for the facilities. Please check and see if there is anything your Auxiliary is able to donate. At the same time, remember your local facilities.

School will be starting soon and all the usual school items have already started going on sale. How about checking with your local nursing homes, assisted living centers and other places that serve Veterans to see if they can use some colored pencils, crayons, markers, coloring books and other craft supplies. My Community Living Center (CLC) Veterans love to color and the facility has a good supply on hand but we all know how kids love to get a new box of crayons – Veterans are no different.

We are still in need of approximately 100 catheter bag covers for the Rapid City Community Based Outreach Center (CBOC). Patterns can be found on our South Dakota website. Thank you to the Custer Auxiliary, Linda Butler and the Pierre Auxiliary, Sue Schultz for sewing and sending bags, it is a great start and very much appreciated.

If your local facility needs what your auxiliary can supply, I certainly understand but Rapid City CBOC can use whatever you can spare.

I do have material for your use in making catheter bag covers if that would be helpful. I can bring material to Pierre the week of August 12th during the National President's visit if you have someone attending. Just give me a call at 605-877-2665 and let me know who will take the material and how much material you can utilize for making the catheter bags.

I have a request for some sports related and autobiographic books for the Community Living Center (CLC) at Hot Springs. If you have any of these types of books, you can send them directly to the CLC at:

Veterans Administration Hospital
Attn: 1 East
500 North 5th Street
Hot Springs, SD 57747-1480

or bring them along to the National President's visit or any of the other meetings. At this time, I am looking for a bookshelf for them for use in their new recreation room and feel I will have that very soon so we need some books to fill those shelves.

Whatever you do for Veterans is appreciated! Remember to keep a record of money spent and hours donated at both VA and non-VA medical facilities. A photo of your activities or donations, sent to the Department Historian, not only earns your auxiliary credit for the media attention but also gives ideas to other Auxiliaries. A win - win situation.

Sincerely,

Sue Jones
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