## Alvin C. York Medical Center

## **HELP NEEDED- Veterans VA Hospitals**

The COVID crisis has had major impacts on our local VA hospitals in Nashville and Murfreesboro. The Veterans that are hospitalized and/or living at the VA hospital in Murfreesboro have been quarantined since March 2020 and their staff has been stretched thin. All patients must remain in their rooms at all times, which means that they have been restricted from going outside, using the common areas and all visitation has ceased. Needless to say this is a sad situation and as you can imagine has affected their mental health. Another drawback to the crisis has been the drastic decrease in the number of donations to the VA and they are in need of supplies.

In an effort to assist them, I would like to send out a request for donations. The items most needed are:

Shampoo
Body Wash
Spray deodorant
Lotion
Laundry Detergent
Undershirts – all sizes
Underwear – all sizes
Puzzles



Additionally, the veterans love to receive cards and really appreciate notes of encouragement. This is an opportunity to get children involved as well.

Due to Covid, the items must be dropped off or mailed. If you are going to drop them off, then you need to call the VA Voluntary Services office in advance. The Alvin C. York VA Hospital Voluntary Service Office phone number is 615-225-6497. They can also help you out if you would like to drop off supplies at the Nashville VA if that is a closer location for you.

Items can also be mailed to:

Alvin C. York VA Medical Center Attention: Voluntary Service 3400 Lebanon Pike Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Thank you in advance for reaching out to our veterans.

Serving those who serve.

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