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December, 2013

SUBJ: 12th Annual Erie VA Medical Center (VAMC) Hometown Heroes Bowling Tournament

This year's bowling tournament will be held at Eastway Lanes on Buffalo Road on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 12:00 Noon. Registration/Check-in will be from 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

The focus of our tournament will benefit the Homeless Veteran Fund (#1019) for the Erie VA Medical Center. The Erie Homeless Care Team serves over 500 homeless Veterans and their families every year. With generous donations received in the past, the Homeless Program has been able to purchase items that are very valuable to Veterans who are transitioning out of homelessness. The money raised by this tournament will allow us to purchase emergency supplies and apartment startup items for our homeless population. Items will include:

- Weatherization items
- Clothing
- Backpacks full of toiletries and other daily hygiene items
- Sleeping bags, air mattresses and other necessary bedding

Enclosed is a patient wish list for you to review and earmark your sponsorship (donation), if you wish to do so.

We are again inviting you to become a sponsor in this worthwhile fundraiser. **If you would like to be recognized as a sponsor for this fundraising event, make checks payable to Erie VAMC and mail to VAMC, Attention: Voluntary Office, 135 East 38th Street, Erie, PA 16504.** Sponsorships are available at the following levels:

PLATINUM \$1000 GOLD \$500 SILVER \$250 BRONZE \$100

Anyway that you can assist, whether it is with a donation of money, a donation of an item for the auction, or by participating in the event, will be greatly appreciated.

Enclosed is an application for the event. This is a fun-filled community event for our sponsors and friends of all ages. **Please mail all applications (if you wish to bowl in the tournament), along with the entry fee, to the UE 506 Sports Committee, 3923 Main Street, Erie, PA 16511.**

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this very important endeavor. We also encourage you to share this letter with businesses and organizations in your local area. Please feel free to contact the Voluntary Office at the Erie VA Medical Center regarding your sponsorship at (814) 860-2453.

Sincerely,

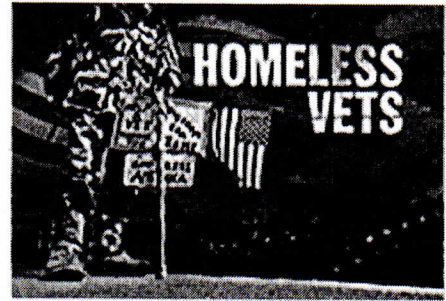
MATTHEW MCCRACKEN
Erie VA Medical Center, VAVS Representative
Chairman, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America – Local 506 Sports Committee

Enclosures

To assure your sponsorship, please respond to this letter by Friday, February 14, 2014.

THANK YOU TO 2013 SPONSORS AND DONORS!

VFW Post 2006, Meadville, PA
VFW Post 1835, Franklin, PA
American Legion Post 571, Wesleyville, PA
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American Legion Post 237, Union City, PA
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**12th ANNUAL HOMETOWN HEROES BOWLING TOURNAMENT
EASTWAY LANES - Sunday, February 23, 2014**

12:00 Noon

Bowling Tournament Sponsor Form

Name/Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

- ◆ **Please make checks payable to the Erie VA Medical Center, referencing either the Homeless Veteran Fund or fund of your choice.**
- ◆ **All sponsor forms must be post-marked by Friday, February 14, 2014 in order for your sponsorship to be displayed the day of the tournament.**

Please check sponsorship amount below:

\$1000 (Platinum) \$500 (Gold) \$250 (Silver) \$100 (Bronze)

OTHER AMOUNT: _____

OR

I would like to contribute the following in lieu of monetary donation:

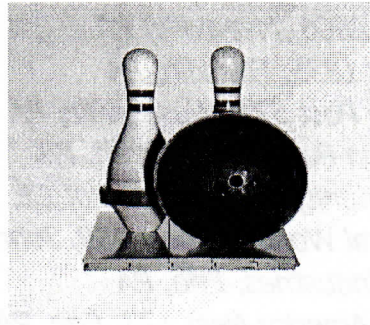
Auction Items: _____

For auction item pick up contact Matt McCracken at 824-0148

Please make checks payable to Erie VAMC and mail to VAMC, Attention: Voluntary Office, 135 East 38th Street, Erie, PA 16504.

Should you have any questions regarding the sponsorship, please contact the Voluntary Office at the Erie VA Medical Center at (814) 860-2453.

Thank you for contributing to the **12th Annual Hometown Heroes Bowling Tournament**. Your generosity is truly appreciated.



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2014
12:00 Noon**

APPLICATION FORM

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Event shall consist of three (3) games bowled on one (1) pair of lanes assigned by the Tournament Director and all decisions by the Tournament Director are final.
2. **This is a singles event.** Prizes will be awarded to the highest game and highest series bowled by both men and women. There will be no duplication of awards.
3. This is a fun-filled community event for our sponsors and friends of all ages.

◆ **ENTRY FEE: \$15 each** ◆ **5 people on a lane** ◆ **Limited to the first 200 paid entries**

Deadline to PREREGISTER is Friday, February 14, 2014. Availability is limited the day of the event. Junior bowlers are welcome. Check in begins at 11:00 a.m. There will also be an auction. All proceeds will benefit **Erie VA Medical Center.**

Mail ENTRIES to: UE Local 506; 3923 Main Street; Erie, PA 16511. You may also drop off your entry to the Union Hall at the above address any weekday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Make entry fee check payable to: UE 506 Sports Committee. Questions concerning the tournament, please contact Matt McCracken at 824-0148.

ENTRY FORM – TEAM LINE UP (please print)

◆ **ENTRY FEE: \$15 each** ◆

FIRST AND LAST NAME

PHONE NO.

1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____

Five bowlers not required. Singles or Pairs accepted

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PATIENT WISH LIST ... A List of Funding Needs for Patient Projects and Programs at the Erie VAMC

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION (Fund #1001) This fund is used to sustain the Erie VAMC VA Voluntary Service Program by financially supporting volunteer recognition activities and items throughout the year.

GENERAL PATIENT NEEDS (Fund #1002) This fund supports a broad range of ongoing patient programs and projects, including the patient coffee/refreshment program, general patient needs, and comfort items. This fund also supports the other patient general post funds when emergency funding is needed.

HOSPICE (Fund #1003) This fund supports the needs of Hospice inpatients. Donations from this fund are used to support the Erie VAMC Dream-a-Dream Program, which enables our Hospice patients to fulfill a "last wish".

RECREATION (Fund #1004) Funds are needed to support ongoing patient recreation programs, such as *bowling, trips/outings, canteen books, and similar programs*. Funds are also used to purchase recreation supplies, equipment, and other items needed to run the recreation therapy programs.

SOCIAL WORK (Fund #1005) Funds are needed to provide items for indigent patients, which greatly assist in improving the quality of their lives. The patient's assigned social worker is responsible for coordinating any items the patients may need, i.e., bus tokens. This fund also pays for transportation expenses, when possible, for Veterans who are not eligible for VA to pay for their travel to and from their appointments.

PATIENT HOLIDAY (Fund #1006) Funds are needed to purchase gifts for the residents on Units 4 and 5 during the holiday season. Funds will also be utilized to support holiday parties and special programs for the patients.

VETS CENTER (Fund #1007) Funds are used to support programs and activities for Veteran patients at the Veterans Outreach Center.

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (Fund #1008) Funds are used to support programs and activities for Veteran patients enrolled in the Visual Impairment Services Team.

TRANSPORTATION (Fund #1012) Funds are being accepted towards the purchase of new vans to transport patients without transportation to their medical appointments at the Medical Center. These vans run on a daily basis and acquire high mileage very fast. Replacement and new vans are needed.

PATIENT HAIRCUTS (Fund #1013) Funds are needed for the Patient Haircut Program. The expense for this is approximately \$250 per month (2 days a month).

WOMEN VETERANS (Fund #1016) Donations in this fund are used to financially support the needs and activities of the Women Veterans Program.

NATIONAL GAMES (Fund #1018) Donations from this fund are used to financially support the hotel and airfare expenses for veteran patients attending the DAV Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass, Colorado and the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

HOMELESS VETERANS (Fund #1019) This fund benefits our homeless Veteran patients. Funds from this account will be used to purchase miscellaneous items needed for our homeless Veteran patients.

LIBRARY/PATIENT EDUCATION (Fund #1021) This fund benefits our patient education program by purchasing patient education literature and videos for use through our Library.

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM (Fund #1022) This fund accepts donations for needs of the Chaplain Program.

WELCOME HOME (Fund #1030) Funds from this account are used to financially support any activities and/or supplies needed for the Erie VA Medical Center's annual Welcome Home Veteran Appreciation celebrations. These funds are also used to support any needs of returning Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans and their families.

HEALTH PROMOTION DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM (Fund #1031) Funds from this account are used for activities such as Salute Your Health lecture series, MOVE Weight Management Program, annual health fair, and the VA 2K Walk 'n Roll events.

MY HEALTHE VET PROGRAM (Fund #1032) Funds from this account are used to financially support any activities and/or supplies needed for the Erie VA Medical Center's My Healthe Vet Program.

COMFORT ITEMS The following items are always needed in helping those patients who do not have the necessary comfort items for hospitalization: shaving cream, denture cleaner, plastic disposable razors (no generic brand at least twin blades), combs, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and hand sanitizing lotions. It is always extra special when organizations make a project out of this and provide us with the ready-to-go kits. We suggest you use the trial size (personal size) items. Each kit could be a large zip-lock plastic bag or similar plastic bag. The kits may also contain items such as pens, emery boards, shower caps, powder, etc. if you wish. Our current inpatients are in need of baby wipes, hand sanitizers, brand name Kleenex, brand name razors, sketch pads, boxes of assorted occasion cards, large-print word search books, and relaxation music CDs. **No cologne, mouth wash, aerosols, bar soap, jigsaw puzzles, paperback books, VHS tapes, or laprobes – please!!**

To make a monetary donation to the Erie VA Medical Center, please make check payable to:

Erie VA Medical Center

Please document the fund that you want the donation deposited into on the Memo line of the check.

Checks can be mailed to:

**Erie VA Medical Center
ATTN: Voluntary Office (135)
135 East 38th Street
Erie, PA 16504**