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MN GIFT SHOP MID-YEAR REPORT

There are 4 Veterans Medical Centers and 5 Veterans Homes in MN, each who hold a Gift Shop for their residents before Christmas. Every Veteran is able to choose a gift for themselves, their spouse (or caretaker) and any children under the age of 18 who live in the home. As most of you know, the Gift Shop is our Auxiliary program designated to make sure our Veterans in these facilities have a joyous Christmas season.

The Home and Hospital reps attended the meeting in August to give us ideas of what types of gifts they would want for their Veterans. After narrowing the lists down to the most desired gifts, an order form was sent to each one. When the order forms were received back from the nine facilities, a combined list was made and Mary and I went to work, purchasing 1539 gift items to add to the 559 boxes of Stouffer's 3lb boxes of candy, 70 duffel bags, and 1573 gift cards that Sandie Deutsch ordered. Our biggest partners, giving us discounts and special deals are Stouffers Candy and Kohls.

The Gift Shops were held from November 26th to December 13th. The Representatives welcomed volunteers to help the Veterans with their choices, wrapping, and provided treats for all. This is a special way to thank all these Veterans who have served our blessed Country.

Auxiliary members from Two Harbors Unit 109, Nancy Hopper and Zandra Kessler dressed the part to make the gift shop experience more festive for the Veterans.



Be sure to also thank the Hospital and Home Representatives when you see them for their hard work all year round, especially with the Gift Shops.

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