

Manpower Supports Veterans this Holiday Season

While the Christmas season can represent very happy times for some, it can be a very challenging time for others. For the second year, Manpower is facilitating the Shop for a Veteran event, to help veterans who are currently hospitalized shop for their loved ones.

For those who are hospitalized due to illness or injury, shopping and preparing for Christmas is nearly impossible. To help provide a bit of a feeling of normalcy, Manpower helps our veterans who are hospitalized or receiving services from VA Central Iowa Healthcare “shop” for their loved ones for Christmas. Over the last month, Manpower has asked for gift donations from their clients, associates, and colleagues that Manpower employees will then deliver to the VA hospital in time for the veterans to pick out gifts for their family members.

Kathy Joblinske, Manpower Market Principal, says, “The American Legion & Legion Auxiliary Post #601 in Panama, IA have been shopping for veterans for years. We thought it would be a great program to bring to Des Moines and to invite our clients, associates, and staff members to participate. We all know how good it makes us feel to give a gift to our loved ones for the holidays.” She continues, “by donating gifts so hospitalized veterans can ‘shop’ for their family members, we can help ease the stress of the holidays and bring joy to those that served our country. Last year, we were able to provide nearly 200 gifts for the veterans at VA Central Iowa Healthcare.”

Gift ideas include gloves, boots, blankets, books, puzzles, games, body wash sets, lotion, crafts, etc. for adults and children of all ages. Assisting a veteran in providing a gift to a loved one is a great way to show our support and give back this holiday season. Donations will be accepted at the Des Moines, Ames, Fort Dodge and Creston Manpower offices through the week of November 25th and will be delivered to VA Central Iowa Healthcare the first week of December. If you’re interested in donating to this event, please contact Kathy Joblinske at 515-288-6745.

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