

CHICAGOLAND ROTARY VETERANS COAT DRIVE STAND DOWN DAY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Our goal is to collect and distribute 800 winter coats to Homeless Veterans in the Chicago area. Stand Down Day is a special day for homeless veterans, where they receive support from many health, social service and community support organizations. The Chicago event is organized and staffed by volunteers from veteran organizations, community and social service organizations, and Hines VA and Jesse Brown VA.

This will be Rotary's 5th year participating in the event that has been held and organized for the past 21 years by the veterans. We expect to serve a little over 1,000 homeless veterans on November 18 as they gear up for the harsh winter months ahead. If you have not been to a Stand Down Day, we set up the coats along clothing racks organized by size and assist the veterans in selecting a coat and helping them try them on. The veterans then get winter clothing, social service support for housing and food, haircuts and a warm meal. As this year's Stand Down Day is a few days before Thanksgiving, we will also be assisting serving hot meals to our veterans.

– District 6450 Co-Chairs *Mary Dougherty (Aurora Rotary Club) & Pat Merryweather (Rotary Club of Naperville)*

How Can YOU Help serve our veterans as they have served us?

- ✓ **Clean and Gently Used Men's Winter Coats in sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
And Women's Winter Coats in sizes XL, 2XL, 3XL**

The coats are needed in the larger sizes as the veterans layer their clothing for the winter. We will also accept Men's winter hats and gloves. No leather coats, please. Please make sure the coats are clean, gently used, and in good usable condition.

- ✓ **Volunteer on November 17 and 18 at Humboldt Park Armory in Chicago
1551 N. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651**

We need volunteers for the Stand Down Day on Friday, November 18 and Set Up Day on November 17. We have two shifts available on November 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and one shift on November 17 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Sign up to volunteer by going to www.rotarydistrict6450.org and click on Calendar on the left hand side of the page and go to November 17 or 18. We will contact you one week before the event with additional volunteer information.

Coat Drop Off Locations in Naperville Area:

- School District 203 Administrative Office – 203 W. Hillside Rd, Naperville (Julie Carlsen)
- Naperville Township – 139 Water St, Naperville (Rachel Ossyra)
- Fair Oaks Ford Lincoln – 2055 W. Ogden & 1351 E. Ogden, Naperville (Liz & Norm Zienty)
- Naperville Public Library – 200 W. Jefferson, 3015 Cedar Glade Dr, 2035 S. Naper Blvd (Julie Rothenfluh)
- The Promenade Bolingbrook – 639 E. Boughton Rd at Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant
- BMO Harris Bank (Naperville locations) – 503 N Washington St, 1284 Rickert Dr, 2975 Cedar Glade Dr, 320 W. Diehl Rd, 507 S. Washington St, 1795 S. Washington St (Neil McManus)

Your Naperville Area Coordinators:

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**THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS
WHO HAVE SELFLESSLY SERVED ALL OF US!**