

Kettering Rotary Supporting Transient Veterans



Kettering Rotary Foundation was founded in 1991 to raise money to support needy causes in our community. The Foundation will look favorably on requests which help groups of people become self-reliant, better educated and better citizens.

Rotarian and WWII Veteran, Bob Lamb, co-chair, turned in a request for support of the “Transient Veterans Charity.” It is a registered 501(c)(3) charity and it provides needed clothing and a Christmas Dinner to honor over 200 transient veterans housed at the Dayton VA Center. This is the thirteenth year of service by the Gary and Rose Mary Leasure Family of Kettering to “Transient Veterans Charity.”



The Dayton VA Center has partnered with “**Volunteers of America**,” a national, non-profit, faith-based organization, housed in Building 400 at the VA Center. The VOA is dedicated to helping veterans rebuild their lives and become independent. They are normally in the program for up to six months which includes shelter, food, counseling, medical, job training and clothing.



Have you ever asked yourself, “How can I help that homeless veteran?” we see on the street asking for help. This is a well-organized way! It is an opportunity for the Rotarians of Kettering to support these needy transient veterans with our used clothing and financial support for the Christmas Dinner.



To help start this project, Mel Haines, co-chair, wrote a “**Thrivent Financial-Live Generously**” grant and received \$250 to cover start-up costs with the remainder of the grant to go for the Christmas dinner and gifts put on by the “Transient Veterans Charity.”

How can Rotarians and their families and friends join in to make a difference in the lives of over two hundred transient veterans at the VA Center? Clean out our closets and give the



clothing and shoes that we no longer wear or need to those that do need them.



Items need to be clean and folded so they will be ready to wear by the needy veterans. Bring your donations to our weekly Rotary meetings by Nov. 1, 2017, when our Transient Veterans’ project will be completed.

By completing the “**Donor Form**” on the back of this brochure and listing your donations and their value, you will receive a **501 (C)(3)** charitable IRS form to use as a tax credit from the “Transient Veterans Charity.”

We have put together a program that will involve the following organizations:

- Rotarians of Kettering
- Thrivent Financial, Live Generously
- Transient Veterans Charity
- Volunteers of America
- The Dayton VA Center

Please join in and make our Kettering Rotary “Live Generously - Transient Veterans” project a success.

If you have any questions or clarifications concerning the “Kettering Rotary Supporting Transient Veterans” project you may contact Mel Haines at: mel.haines@sbcglobal.net