

**Epsilon Sigma Alpha - Minnesota State Council
Financial Report, February 12, 2022 to March 19, 2022**

Account Balance - 2/12/2022 **\$ 19,958.58**

Receipts

LabCorp - December - Welcome Home Vets **\$ 2,327.50**

Total Receipts **\$ 2,327.50**

Disbursements

Welcome Home Vets **\$ 2,327.50**

MN State Convention Registration - State President **60.00**

MN State Convention Registration - IC Rep **60.00**

MN State Convention Registration - MARC Rep **60.00**

Total Disbursements **\$ 2,507.50**

Account Balance - 3/19/2022

\$ 19,778.58

Outstanding LabCorp Invoices

Month - Allocation

January - ESA Foundation

February - Wishes and More

March - ESA MN General Fund

Amount Invoiced

4,312.50 2/16/2022

5,150.00 3/7/2022

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Philanthropic Funds Not Disbursed

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital **\$ 5,550.00**

LabCorp - November

Dennis Marler, Treasurer, 3/19/2022



Let us know you're interested in Volunteering with Wishes & More!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

County: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

(please indicate the best way to contact you with a star)

In case of emergency, who should we contact?

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate your volunteer interests:

Volunteer Interests

- ☐ Auction Solicitation
- ☐ Office Organization
- ☐ Office Administrative Support
- ☐ IT Support
- ☐ Drivers to pick up or drop off items
- ☐ Event Support
- ☐ Wish Granting
- ☐ Creative Writing
- ☐ Help from Home
- ☐ Handyperson
- ☐ Airport Meet/Greet
- ☐ Photography

Professional Expertise

- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Legal
- ☐ Human Resources
- ☐ Marketing / Development
- ☐ Tradesperson _____
(please describe)
- ☐ Other _____ (please describe)

Please return this completed form to volunteer@wishesandmore.org. Thank
you for your interest in volunteering with Wishes & More!



Welcome Home Veterans Program

A Program of the Hopkins Elks Lodge #2221 &
Help For The Homeless, Inc.

Who We Are

We are a 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to help homeless veterans turn an empty apartment into a home by providing home starter kits. The veterans we serve come from all military branches, ethnicities, women, men and families each with a different story on how they came to be homeless. Our organization:

- Serves the state of Minnesota with most referrals in the greater Minneapolis/St Paul area
- Obtains referral of veterans in need through the VA's Community Resource & Referral Center
- Relies on 100% volunteer participation - no paid staff
- Partners with other non-profits to maximize the veterans experience



Welcome Home Kits

In partnership with Hopkins Elks Lodge #2221, we provide Welcome Home Kits to homeless veterans moving into new, permanent housing. The Kit contains the following items among others:

Bedroom Items

- Bedding, pillows
- Queen size beds
- Air bed

Bathroom Items

- Towels, Wash Cloths
- Shower Curtain, Rod
- Personal hygiene items

Kitchen Items

- Dishes, glassware
- Pots / Pans, Kitchen utensils
- Trash can
- Toaster, coffee maker

Miscellaneous Items

- Paper Products, Cleaning Supplies
- Floor Lamp, Microwave, Clock Radio
- Camp chairs

Non-perishable Groceries

To volunteer for, donate to or find out more information,
contact us at 612-615-VETS (8387) or info@helpforthehomelessmn.org

www.mnwelcomhomevets.org / Help For The Homeless / P.O. Box 5653, Hopkins, MN 55343



Welcome Home Veterans

Spring 2022 Update for ESA

Happy Spring! We reached a major milestone this past week – we delivered to our 700th veteran! It has been an interesting journey over the past 18 months as we continue to feel the effects of the pandemic and now feel the effects of product shortages and inflation. The price of items in the kit has increased between 10-30% but we continue to include all of the items in the kit as they are needed by the veterans we serve. Even Dollar Tree items that were a \$1.00 are now \$1.25 each!

In 2021 and through the first month of 2022, we delivered 100 queen size mattress/box spring sets donated by Serta. While it did make the delivery of kits more difficult, these beds are highly prized by the veterans and seeing the joy on their face when you bring it into the apartment is priceless.

Once again, ESA has been an incredible fundraiser under the leadership of our program chairs Betty Marler and Vicky Sandhofer Krolick. Below you will find some highlights of the partnership between Welcome Home Veterans and ESA since our last update in November, 2021. We can't thank you enough for all of your support.

Events

Veterans Holiday Dinner: We once again hosted the holiday dinner for low income veterans in November under the tutelage of Sandy Hongerholt. ESA Members and Elks members from the Hopkins Lodge and Minneapolis Lodge came together to bake and donate some amazing holiday sweet treats; pack a box of non-perishable groceries for each resident; and cook, package and deliver a hot meal to residents the day of the event. Thank you Med Tox volunteers – your weekly volunteer efforts and donation of Med Tox money helped pay for the box of non-perishable groceries provided. These veterans truly appreciated it all – particularly the homemade treats!



Volunteer Appreciation Event: We are planning to host a volunteer appreciation event this spring/summer for all the wonderful volunteers that have supported the program. Look for an invitation with details in the next month or two and we hope you can join us.

Welcome Home Veterans

A Program of Help For The Homeless and Hopkins Elks Lodge #2221

P.O. Box 5653, Hopkins, MN 55343

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Spring 2022 Update for ESA

Deliveries

Welcome Home Kit Deliveries: We've seen a drop off in the number of volunteers in the past 12 months primarily due to Covid and the fact that we have been including queen size beds with the kit which makes the delivery more challenging. We are hoping that with Covid restrictions easing and the return to the standard kit without beds, that more volunteers will feel comfortable doing a delivery. If you'd like to be included in the distribution list seeking volunteers, please let Betty Marler know.

How We Use the Money

We use funds donated by ESA in a variety of ways, including but not limited to the following:

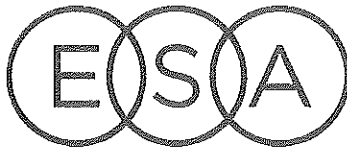
- **Additional kit items:** Twin XL beds and bedding for veterans with special needs, additional bath towels/paper products/hygiene/groceries and more for families, air beds, microwaves and other non-standard items based on the needs of the veteran. We recently had a veteran who had a service dog to help him with his PTSD and nightmares. We used extra funds to buy food for his dog and bedding for his son who was coming to live with him. Sometimes it's the little extra touches that can make a difference for these veterans.
- **Special Events:** Funds are to support special events such as the holiday dinner for low income veterans at Veterans East. We hope to plan a second event for low income veterans this year.
- **Adopt A Troop:** A recent addition to our partnership has been the Adopt A Troop program. This program sends care packages to military personnel serving overseas. We recently received approval from ESA to use \$500 of the donated funds to provide items for the care packages.

How You Can Help

As with most non-profits, fundraising and product donations are always appreciated. We have seen a noticeable uptick in the number of veterans with families that have been homeless and are moving into permanent housing. When we serve a family, we expand the kit to include bedding, towels, hygiene items and more to ensure the children are taken care of as well. We've included a short list of the items needed most.

Thank You

Thank you ESA members for your time, energy, financial support and compassion!



FOUNDATION
EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

February 28, 2022

Karla K. Nicklaus
Minnesota State Council
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Minneapolis, MN 55406

Dear ESA Members:

On behalf of the ESA Foundation Board of Directors, I want to thank you all for the generous donations you have contributed to the Grant Program. Your support for this program is greatly appreciated. The Foundation's mission is dedicated to the promotion of continuing education and whether it is through scholarships or grants our major emphasis is service to others, which is illustrated in our motto: *"Serving the World Community...Because We Care."*

Now more than ever our grants are going to be essential in helping to get people back into the workforce. Many people have lost their jobs due to the corona virus that swept this nation and put a strain on our economy. As we begin to recovery many grant seekers will be looking to improve their job skills or choosing another field of employment in order to provide for their families and give them a new outlook for a better quality of life.

The Grant Program always needs supporters to help build the program so we can continue to make a difference in the lives of others. You all are setting a great example and it has not gone unnoticed.

Again, thank you all so very much, especially for your hard work that enables you to make such contributions.

Wishing you the best!

Sincerely,

Rosalie Griffith, Grants Chair

Cc: Ann Southall, ESA Foundation Chair

2022-2023 Minnesota ESA Board

Role	2021 - 2022	2022-2023	Notes
President	Sandy Hongerholt	Dee Rotering	
First Vice President	Marcie Haigh/Dee Rotering		
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