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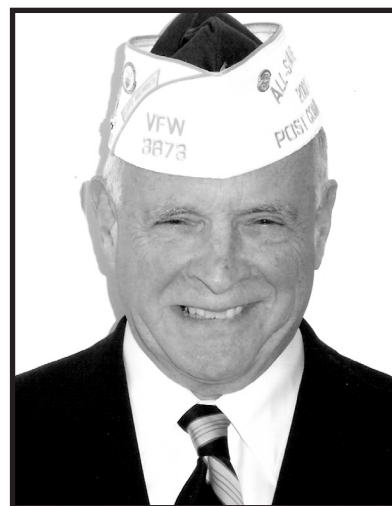
# NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN



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The VFW NATIONAL HOME for CHILDREN IS: a private, non-profit, licensed residential child care agency providing long and short-term residency to children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren of VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members. Services are also available for children of active-duty military service personnel who are not able to provide adequate care for their children through the approved family plan arrangements.

**HISTORY:** The Veterans of Foreign Wars established the National Home in 1925 to care for the children and families of our Nation's veterans from World War I to present and has grown to encompass other families in crisis.

**GOVERNED BY:** The National Home is a 17 member Board of Trustees. Twelve are elected, five are ex-officio members which include the VFW Commander-in-Chief, Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, Ladies Auxiliary National President and National Secretary/Treasurer.

**CHILDREN SERVED:** Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members whose parents are deceased, disabled or need assistance. The National Home serves children from birth to young adult status through a variety of programs, including Nursery, Residential, and Single Parent Families, Aftercare Program, Military Family Program, Veteran Family Program, and Residential Program and also a 24-7 "National Home Helpline" at: 800-313-4200 just to name a few. Children are referred to the National Home by VFW Posts and Auxiliaries. Services are available to all children who qualify based on the National Home's (Statement of Eligibility).

**MISSION:** At the VFW National Home for Children we are "All about the Children". The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Children will provide children, youth and families of members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary opportunities for growth and development within a nurturing community and by doing so, will serve as a living memorial to all veterans.

**TYPES OF PROGRAMS:** The Residential Program provides for school-aged children whose parents are deceased, disabled or whose home environment is not conducive to their physical or emotional well-being. Children are offered educational support, recreation opportunities, 24-hour adult supervision, and individual counseling as needed and medical and dental services. Professional child-care workers provide the care and guidance they need in a family-like setting that relies on relationships to foster growth.

**AFTERCARE PROGRAM:** Affords youth who have participated in the Residential program and have graduated or earned their GED to reside on the National Home campus as working adults for up to four years beyond high school graduation.

**MILITARY FAMILY PROGRAM:** Is a program that can help military families during deployment. Deployed military members' children or their spouses with children can live at the National Home when an approved family plan isn't working out.

**EDUCATION PROGRAM:** Children attend local public schools. The education State provides tutoring, a computer lab, a library, music lessons, drug and alcohol awareness training, a student work program and community service. The Ladies Auxiliary Nursery School operates a licensed day care program.

**RECREATION PROGRAM:** Activities include 4-H, sports teams and camping experiences. Indoor and outdoor recreation areas include a community center, with a gymnasium, weight room, music room, game room, softball diamond, soccer field, tennis court, play ground and fishing pond.

**STAFF:** Childcare workers provide care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to children in the residential programs. Direct care staff includes case managers, a registered nurse, educational/recreational and day care staff.

**FACILITIES:** There are approximately 71 buildings on 629 acres including 36 brick homes, a community center, guest lodge, chapel, green house, nursery school, maintenance buildings, museum, fire barn and administrative buildings.

**FUNDING:** The VFW National Home for Children is funded by the gifts of the VFW, Ladies Auxiliary and MOC/MOCA Organizations, and many individual and corporate contributors. The National Home receives NO federal or state funding. Additional support is provided through the annual Seals campaign and other direct mail appeals, planned gifts, Life Memberships, special events and earnings from the investment of the endowment fund. "HONOR the DEAD by HELPING the LIVING". This is a common goal of all VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members.

\*\*\*In order to get credit on the "X" Sheet you must complete your project or donation and report it. The following are some project suggestions: Donate (a minimum of \$50.00) "earmarked" to either the Military Family Program, Illinois Homes 1 and 2 for Maintenance & Repairs and etcetera. You may send general birthday cards (not to just one individual), send Campbell soup "UPC Codes" only, visit the National home and or purchase "Life Memberships" in the National Home.

\*\*ALL CHECK DONATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE State of ILLINOIS VFW and EARMARK" your donation to: the Military Family Program or Illinois Homes 1 & 2 for Maintenance & Repairs or any other worthwhile project you prefer.

\*REMEMBER TO REPORT! REPORT MEMBERS, DOLLARS AND HOURS. REPORT EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE VFW NATIONAL HOME for CHILDREN ON YOUR "X" SHEETS\*

\*\*\*\*\*AWARDS\*\*\*\*\*

\*The Post with the most Dollars donated will be awarded the First Place Plaque.

\*Plaques will be awarded to the Posts with the second and third highest amount of Dollars donated.

\*Citations will be awarded to all Districts that are 100% reported by: April 30, 2012.

\*If you wish to refer a Child, Single Parent, Military Family, Veteran Family to the program, or for any other reason please call: 800-424-8360; FAX: 517-663-3727 or Email: mail@vfwnationalhome.org

\*The address for the VFW National Home for Children is: 3573 S. Waverly Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

***"WE CONTINUE TO SERVE"***

