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by Jennifer Cesaitis

Each year for the last 15 years, Dollar Tree customers have donated millions of toys to Veteran and Military Families. The program began in 2007 and is sponsored by Dollar Tree and Operation Homefront. Together, they donate toys and other holiday essentials to Project New Hope, Inc for distribution to local Veterans. The holidays can be frantic. Dollar Tree stores make giving easy by offering pre-selected items for sale that will be donated in time for family gatherings.

Jose Vega and the staff from Dollar Tree in Worcester have been gathering items since November 1st and helping customers show their support for Servicemembers and Families. This time of year can bring added stress to Families who are already struggling. Dollar Tree, Project New Hope, and Operation Homefront help to ease that stress by sharing their customers' generosity. "It feels good to be able to help them out," says Jose, and he added that it is always busy, and his store collects, on average, about 25 cases of donations. The program runs nationwide, and there are several stores in Worcester and many Dollar Tree stores across Massachusetts to make purchases.

Purchasing is simple and easy. Dollar Tree offers ideas on its website www.dollartree.com/operationhomefront, and they have the pre-selected items for sale in the store, clearly marked. Jose also says they will accept any new, unopened toys and gifts for donations if customers wish to bring in their own. The toy drive ran from November 1st through December 1st and is always a great success in Worcester.



Project New Hope has been accepting and distributing these donations for over 10 years. Their close ties with the Massachusetts Military allow them to make sure these holiday gifts arrive in time for Family gatherings. Project New Hope teams up with local units from the National Guard, Reserves, and Active Components to help get the donations into the hands of those who need them most.

Consider donating during the holidays and throughout the year. Project New Hope, Inc. is an excellent way for your generous gifts to make a difference in the life of a Veteran Family.







Ed and Sandy Dickinson

Ed and Sandy Dickinson volunteer at our Sully's Food Pantry every other Wednesday. Their dedication to serving our Veterans in need is truly inspiring, stemming from an outreach opportunity through their church, Christ Episcopal, in Rochdale. Ed is a Vietnam Veteran and he and Sandy enjoy every moment of their volunteer service, relishing every moment they can work with other volunteers and Veterans.

Who Can Volunteer?

We are always looking for kind and caring people who want to make a difference in the world. You will be joining an enthusiastic and friendly community devoted to the highest professional standards of care. There is something for everyone who volunteers at Project New Hope!

How Do I Volunteer?

Apply <u>HERE</u> - it's easy with our online application.







Our Generous Donors

Your generous donations allow us to continue our vision of serving active-duty Military, Veterans, and their Families in the Worcester and Westfield communities with Compassionate Care!

Thank You!!



A big THANK YOU goes to Ron Ernenwein of AA Transportation Company for the donation of 23 Turkeys. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



We want to express a big THANK YOU to Worcester Katie Toomey Register of Deeds and staff who made a donation of nonperishable to Sully's Veterans Food Pantry this morning.



Karyn & Mark Wagner of Mercedes-Benz of Shrewsbury a longtime supporter of our nonprofit donated 40 turkeys!

Thank you, Karyn & Mark for your meaningful donation to Sully's Veterans Food Pantry this Thanksgiving and always.











Thank you, to my friend Andrea
Castinetti and everyone who donated to
her Thanksgiving Basket Fundraiser



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We want to express a big THANK YOU to Tim Haywood of Tiny Tim's Cafe of Auburn and the Auburn Sportsman's Club who made a large donation to Sully's Veterans Food Pantry.



Thank you to Larry Pion & Kerry
Sullivan Bilski, owners of Thoren Optical
in Chicopee for collecting food to help
stock Sully's Food Pantry for local
Veterans!



Thank you, Gina M Tangney Regional
Program Coordinator at the Department of
Youth Services Worcester and all your staff
that donated these nonperishables to Sully's
Veterans Food Pantry

Thank you, ES Veterans Association Inc. for your donation so we could purchase BIG Y and Price Chopper Gift Cards loaded with \$20 dollars to be distributed through our Worcester and Westfield offices for active-duty Military, Veterans and their families for Thanksgiving.





Thank you, American Legion Cherry Valley Post #443 Sons of The American Legion for your \$100 dollar donation for Sully's Veterans Food Pantry.



Thank you, Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr. Charitable Fund for your \$2,000 dollar donation to support our Mission.





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Sully's Food Pantry
Open 1st & 3rd Saturdays
9:00am - Noon

Sully's Baby Pantry Open Monday - Friday 9:30am - 11:30am

What to Bring (one of the following):
Driver's License noting Veteran VA healthcare card DD214
DOD Military/ Dependant ID CAC Card

Clothes Shoes Food Diapers Wipes Formula much more!

Bring Veteran ID & Immediate Dependent Information



Tuesdays 9:00am - 10:15am
All branches, all eras welcome!
Have a coffee, share a story, regroup
with other Veterans

Need Assistance with a claim?

Will Valliere
Veteran Service Officer (VSO) with
Vietnam Veterans of America.



2nd & 4th Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm





Westfield, MA

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm

Friday 9:00am - noon

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Proudly Serving Veterans Every Month!



Each month we're proud to serve our fellow Veterans. Helping them rebuild with honor is a tenant of Project New Hope, Inc. This month we served

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Veterans at our Sully's Food & Baby Pantry locations.