

# Office of Social Ministry NEEDS YOUR HELP!

OSM continues to support our ministry partners who work hard to assist our homeless brothers and sisters to transition into permanent housing. More recently, OSM have been attending meetings with those providers who serve veterans. Misty and her team have successfully assisted at least a dozen vets in the last couple months who now sleep in a mostly empty apartment, several in the Chinatown area.

I'm approached quite often by friends here at work and family who "spent the weekend cleaning" or "preparing for renovations" or "are just tired of things and wanting a new look" in their kitchen, bedroom or bathroom, I'm asked if I know someone who could use new or gently used household items. We know there are no coincidences, but when I was approached by a VA supportive housing worker a few weeks ago, she had a forlorn look on her face, reflective of the looks on the faces of her clients who are happy to be off the streets but unhappy that the singular item in their apartment is a bare mattress to sleep on at night.

ON **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>**, I would like to offer you an opportunity to bring your new or gently used household items to the Kamiano Center **between 9-10 AM. Veterans and a few of their housing workers will come to the Kamiano Center from 11 AM till 1 PM.** I'm hoping to muster up donations, NOT A CRAZY BOATLOAD, but enough that everything that is given will be received by a needy veteran by the end of our time together. OSM has no extra space to store leftovers so please, "give wisely." Here is a wish list of some items our veterans are hoping for:

## **KITCHEN:**

Dishrack, Trash bin, Rice pot, Toaster, Pots and pans, Dishes, Cups, Utensils, Dishwashing liquid, Scrubber & Cleaning supplies.

## **BATHROOM:**

Bath mat, Rug, Bath towels, Shower curtain (with hooks), Washcloth, Shampoo/conditioner, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Mouthwash, Bath soap & Toilet paper.

## **BEDROOM:**

Pillows, Blanket, Linen (flat sheet, pillow case), Hangars (plastic or better), Tissue, Lamp & Small table.

Not sure what to give? This will help.

We were reminded about donations on a visit to the River of Life Mission that, "*if you wouldn't give it to Jesus, don't give it to us!*" Profound but TRUE! Please do not donate your torn, frayed or stained linen and throw away dented and rusted pots and pans and appliances!

For more information, please call Iwie at (808) 203-6702.

Happy cleaning!

Sincerely,

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