

Helping Hands for Heroes

In 2024 our newest program “Helping hands for Heroes” came about from a special request from a VA visiting home nurse.

Many of our elderly disabled Veterans are home-bound with no way of getting to the grocery store. With nowhere to get outside help. That’s where we stepped in.

Each month we reach out to these registered Veterans to find out their needs based on their dietary requirements. We then supply them with these necessities.

Each Veteran receives 5 or 6 bags of dry goods and a cooler full of frozen foods and meats.

On the third Friday of each month, volunteers deliver the needed items and spend a little time with the Veteran. The items are brought into their homes and if requested, put away for them.

Food and beverage products are acquired through a partnership with Midwest Food Bank and Round Table Provisions (Boars Head). Holiday 4 Heroes then fills the gap with needed items from Sam’s Club and Walmart.

Current Mission Facts:

At this time in Lee, Collier and Charlotte Counties we are serving

11 Veterans

9 are single disabled veterans

2 are married but both spouses being disabled

They range in age from 78 to 92

The cost per person after food donations is \$125.00 per Veteran per month for a total program cost, at this time, of \$1,375.00 per month.

All Veterans have been referred by their home health care nurse or their social worker at the VA.

At this time, based on budget we are maxed out at 11 Veterans. We would love to find a sponsor/Sponsors that would be willing to contribute to this program monthly or help with deliveries.

Currently, volunteers Rudy and Annette Rinas have spearheaded the delivery effort.