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VA Opens Pantry for Nebraska Veterans in Need

OMAHA, Neb. — Many Veterans in need don't want a hand out, just some assistance. Now, Veterans who live in Nebraska and are in need can get help at a pantry at the Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, 600 S. 70th St, Lincoln, Neb.

The pantry is open on the first Monday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon, beginning Feb. 4. The pantry will be open Sept. 9 since the first Monday in that month is the Labor Day holiday.

Veterans with a need, especially those who are low-income, near homeless, or homeless who are not living in a shelter are eligible.

The pantry provides items including canned foods, grains, meats and bread. Fresh produce is available when it is in season. Hygiene products are also available upon request.

Veterans must show a valid state identification card or a piece of mail postmarked within the past 60 days that contains their name and Nebraska address.

The pantry is co-sponsored by the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System and the Food Bank of Lincoln. Support for this program was made possible through a grant from the Lincoln Community Foundation on behalf of the Wayne J. and Wanda M. Lillich Charitable Fund and the Veteran Support Fund.

The pantry is not connected with any other community agencies, and will not affect the Veteran's monthly waiting period for eligibility to other Nebraska pantries.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O'Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>

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