



“OH FUDGE”! WE ARE

After much thought, we have decided to change the 2021-22 State Commander’s and Dept. Auxiliary President’s Special Project. The Special Project for this year was raising \$25,000 to provide Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin enough funds to build one “tiny home” for Veterans in the City of Milwaukee. VOW (Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin) had already built a “tiny home” village in Racine with a (16) home community. They were expanding this project to the City of Milwaukee where a (42) home village was going to be built. This project has had some setbacks, as many large projects like this do. These setbacks have proven too much to overcome and the project in Milwaukee has been put on hold indefinitely.

This means that we need to switch plans. As a Veterans service organization, we know that plans can change. Throughout 2019 and 2020 the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary in Wisconsin has been a strong supporter of the Center for Veterans Issues (CVI). Our organization specifically funds the CVI Help app, where Veterans, or their families, their friends, or just ordinary citizens can log in and find local help for our Wisconsin Veterans. The Center for Veterans Issues is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization based in Milwaukee that actively serves Veterans and their families across (54) counties in Wisconsin. That is correct, they serve Veterans and their families across the state of Wisconsin. Their President and CEO, Ed Garza, is a retired United States Navy Veteran and a Life Member of VFW Post #5612 in Plymouth.

CVI’s specific need is to purchase a van to transport Veterans in the Milwaukee Soldier’s Home to and from their appointments. As we all know, getting back and forth to appointments can be a major challenge for some of our older or disabled Veterans. The van will help make these Veterans lives better and alleviate the stress of worrying about how they will get to their appointments. This van will cost around \$25,000 which means we can still stick to our original monetary goal. Moving towards this project will still help Veterans in Wisconsin and that is what we are here for.

ALL THE WAY, TOGETHER!

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