



November 2023

SUBJ: 20th Annual Erie VA Medical Center (VAMC) Hometown Heroes Bowling Tournament

This year's bowling tournament will be held at Eastway Lanes on Buffalo Road on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Registration/Check-in will be from Noon - 12:45 p.m.

The bowling tournament will benefit the Psychosocial Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (PRRTP) Fund #1036 for the Erie VA Medical Center.

The Erie VAMC PRRTP Program uses donated funds to:

- Purchase craft items for the residents to use in group or individual activities
- Purchase special lunches from community restaurants for the residents
- Purchase Veterans Canteen Service (store) gift cards as milestone rewards for the residents
- Take residents on community outings such as bowling, movies, shopping, dinner, etc.

In 2023, we raised a total of \$16,622 for funding needs for the Women Veterans Program at the Erie VAMC. We also raised a total of \$1,948 for the Transportation fund at the Erie VAMC and a total of \$2,460 for the My HealtheVet Program at the Erie VAMC.

Enclosed is a Patient Wish List for you to review and earmark your donation. Please note that 100% of the proceeds from this fundraising event benefit the Veterans at the Erie VA Medical Center. **If you would like to be recognized as a sponsor, please respond to this letter by Friday, February 9, 2024. Please make checks payable to Erie VAMC and mail to VAMC Voluntary Office, 135 East 38th Street, Erie, PA 16504.** Sponsorships are available at the following levels:

PLATINUM	\$1000	GOLD	\$500	SILVER	\$250	BRONZE	\$100
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This year, the 50/50 proceeds will benefit the My HealtheVet Fund, and the auction proceeds will benefit the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Fund. Any way that you can assist, whether it is with a monetary donation, item donation for the auction, or by participating in the event, will be greatly appreciated.

If you wish to **bowl** in this event, enclosed is an application to complete and return, **along with your entry fee, to Eastway Lanes, 4110 Buffalo Rd. Erie, PA 16510, Attn: Karen.** Please note your bowling fee only covers the cost of bowling and is **not** considered a donation to the Erie VA Medical Center.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this very important endeavor. We also encourage you to share this letter with businesses and organizations in your local area. Please feel free to contact the Voluntary Office at the Erie VA Medical Center regarding your sponsorship at (814) 860-2024.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL STAAB
VFW District 28 Commander

Enclosures

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