



# Summerfield & Borough of Elverson Residents



Dear Summerfield Homeowners and Elverson Borough Residents,

Once again I look forward to hosting a Christmas gift drive for the residents and patients at the Coatesville V.A. Medical Center. Last year, Summerfield and the residents in the Borough of Elverson went above and beyond the call for gift donations to make sure our military veterans were not forgotten.

We not only had a gift for each patient at the Medical Center, but we were also able to help furnish entire kitchens with small appliances, dishes, silverware, pots and pans, and linens. For the bathrooms we supplied rugs, shower curtains with hooks, towels, washcloths and personal hygiene items. We also were able to provide items for the bedrooms that included sheets, pillows, comforters, and blankets. Some of our veterans were given televisions and dvd players. These items helped to fill individual homes or apartments for 20 formerly homeless veterans not to mention veterans already in homes with items they also may have needed. Our gift total jumped from 702 gifts in 2015 to over 1,500 in 2016. The VA has found it necessary to give us a larger space for all the gifts.

This year we hope to fill a *ChescoBus* (Coatesville Link) again with gifts and deliver these presents to these extraordinary men and women. Last year we needed two buses! Please help us show our Veterans that they hold a special place in our hearts and that we will be there for them just as they have always been there for us.

We would like to have all gift donations received no later than December 16, 2017 so they can be sorted and ready for delivery the week before Christmas. Wrapping is not required but **very much appreciated**. Please label what the gift is and if it is clothing, the size and whether or not it is for a male or female veteran. All gifts can be dropped off at my home (address below) or picked up if needed. If you prefer to donate money I will be more than happy to shop for you and then give you a receipt of items purchased. I also can provide a donation form from the VA for tax purposes. Please see the attached list of suggested items.

When you are out school shopping or trying to catch some end of the summer sales please keep the gift drive in mind. Our veterans are so appreciative of all you do.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call and once again thank you so much for helping to make this upcoming holiday season special to these exceptional and extraordinary individuals.

Thank you,

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