Food Giveaway is a "Thank You to Any and ALL Veterans"



Tribune Chronicle / R. Michael Semple; Veterans' Outreach Executive Director Teri Ely of Liberty, left, and Terry Gerberry of Warren from Ohio Means Jobs, load bags with food for veterans Friday morning at the Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission on East Market Street in Warren. http://www.tribtoday.com/news/local-news/2017/06/food-bags-made-for-veterans/

Story and pics https://www.facebook.com/VeteransOutreachToSERVEandHONOR/

More pics by Gregory Wedin, Trumbull Counter Veterans' Commissioner. https://www.facebook.com/Trumbullcountyveteranservices/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel



Wal-Mart generously provided a grant to Veterans' Outreach to start up a new program called Serve Veterans NOW Food Pantry. It is to help and say thanks to all veterans. Thousands of veterans each year visit the offices of the charity for help with utilities, car repair, rent, housing, clothing, equipment, just anything that they can't get help with anywhere else!

100% of the Wal-Mart grant gave legs to a program that provides a one time gift to veterans, a large tote bag full of nutritional groceries, a sincere thank you note and a grateful acknowledgment to Wal-Mart Foundation.

Serve Veterans NOW has also become a remote program to other counties and communities. The tote bags are all identical answering all 5 food groups which can serve a family of four for a week or a single veteran for 2-3 weeks!

Ohio Means Jobs has been working with Veterans' Outreach. They have organized grocery days in their counties and helped the program reach nearly 500 of their own veteran clients. The most recent giveaway served 150 veterans from the Veterans Service Commission office in Warren with over 3,200 pounds of food. One of the organizers said "This is great...I had a lot of help to put this together. Since I first started with this program, I referred my veteran clients to Veterans' Outreach. Every single one was helped! Not one ever called back and said that they were not helped!"

There were 10 people from both organizations that handled the passing out of the blue tote bags...so heavy that many had to have assistance to carry the totes out to their cars! Even the Deputy Sherriff helped carry the boxes of food in! He was asked by the President of Veterans' Outreach, John Ely, "Have you ever seen anything like this before for veterans offered here?" The Deputy with a quarter century serving answered, "Never!"

Veterans' Outreach hopes that the program will continue to be funded and reach many more veterans. Let's all spread the word about the best kept secret for serving and honoring our veterans; it's out of "the bag", the tote bag that is.

It is a great way to say thank you to our veterans!

If you care to donate or become a sponsor member to help with their services and projects go to: **veteransoutreach.org** or call 888.2.VET.NET (888.283.8638).

Contact John Ely with comments or to volunteer, via email, jely@veteransoutreach.org.

Veterans' Outreach 2nd Annual Golf Scramble is July 7, 2017. They are seeking sponsors, golfers, and gift baskets for the Chinese Auction. Call for more information 330-755-5792.

Check out the charity's development of 110 donated acres in Kentucky is called "Heroes' Passage."

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