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MANCHESTER NH. — Helping Homeless Veterans

On Wednesday, May 21, 2014 the VA Medical Center will be hosting two events in support of the 4th Annual 2k Walk for Homeless Veterans. The first event will take place at the Mall of New Hampshire for Veterans and members of the community who would like to participate should enter through the Food Court entrance at 8:00 am. Are you aware that just ONE lap around mall is just under one mile? Information will be available at this event about enrollment for eligible Veterans and additional programs offered at the Manchester VAMC.

The second event is planned for Manchester VAMC employees, Volunteers, Veterans, and the general public on the same date at 12:10 pm with a walk around the VAMC Manchester neighborhood. Please arrive 10 minutes early to register.

In 2014, there were 449 homeless Veterans who were served in homeless shelters throughout the state of New Hampshire -- this figure does not account for the unknown number of homeless Veterans living in the woods or in substandard housing. The HealthCare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) program is reaching out for your help to assist in raising awareness of the needs of homeless Veterans. The program offers transitional and permanent housing to homeless Veterans and their families as well as outreach and referral services. We are now asking you to help us in this crucial mission. Currently our Veterans are in need of various items such as shampoo, soap and other hygiene items, phone cards; coffee; bus passes; cleaning supplies; and, paper goods such as toilet paper and paper towels.

Your generous donations will go to various programs around the State that directly help our nations Veterans. These places include but are not limited to shelters, food pantries and other community organizations. We need your help today. Please contact us to learn more or visit our website, www.manchester.va.gov. To make a monetary donation, please go to <https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=52253675> or follow this link www.manchester.va.gov and click on "Volunteer & Donations." All donations will support New Hampshire Homeless Veterans.

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