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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Michigan Veteran Homes No Member Dies Alone program provides volunteer companionship and assistance to members who are entering the final stages of life – and do not have close friends or family. This program's success is dependent on volunteers who have the desire to be with a member in their final moments.

If you have the heart and desire to be a volunteer for this program, we would love to tell you more about it.

For more information on the No Member Dies Alone program or to learn more about how to volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Office closest to your home. Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti 425 Fisher St. Marquette, MI 49855 (906) 226-3576 X 2520396

VETERAN HOMES

Michigan Veteran Homes at Chesterfield Township 47901 Sugarbush Road Chesterfield Township, MI 48047 (586) 256-9921

Michigan Veteran Homes at Grand Rapids 2950 Monroe Avenue NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505 (517) 281-8963

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NO ONE SHOULD DIE ALONE...EACH HUMAN SHOULD DIE WITH THE SIGHT OF A LOVING FACE. - MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA



No Member Dies Alone is a one-of-a-kind program in which volunteers provide companionship and assistance to members who are entering the final stages of life. No Member Dies Alone volunteers:

- Provide comfort at the bedside when family and friends can't be present.
- Hold the member's hand, talk and listen to the member.
- Read to the member or play music, making the member comfortable.
- Ensure that no one should have to face the challenge of death alone.

We are seeking volunteers to join the No Member Dies Alone program at our Homes in Chesterfield Township, Grand Rapids and Marquette. If you are interested in volunteering, you can apply at one of our Homes. In addition to the regular volunteer application process, everyone desiring to serve as a vigil volunteer will also have a special interview to determine fitness for the No Member Dies Alone team. Sensitivity and compassion are crucial and team members must feel reasonably comfortable interacting with those nearing death.

COMPASSION

When one of our members enters the final stages of life having no family or friends present, or if those present need respite, No Member Dies Alone will enfold that member with dignity and honor by offering continuous support and companionship, ensuring no member dies alone.

TRAINING

End-of-life care training is provided to all new No Member Dies Alone volunteers. You will learn how a unit functions, member privacy regulations, bedside protocol, communication skills and self-care. You will also shadow an experienced volunteer before beginning your service. The Volunteer Office will assist you in registering for these orientation sessions.