# Chesterfield November 2025 Family & Friends Newsletter



In October, Michigan Veteran Homes at Chesterfield Township (MVHCT) was honored to accept a \$15,000 donation from U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran Member and Purple Heart Recipient George Kenney. The donation is directed to the charitable support fund which supports life enrichment activities that improve the quality of life for members at MVHCT.

"We are blessed to serve those men and women who've served us," said Jennifer Manning, administrator for MVHCT. "This gift is remarkably humbling and a testament to the Home, staff, volunteers and veterans we serve. This act of generosity by one of our own veterans essentially says, 'the care and quality of life I'm experiencing here, it's the experience veterans deserve and it's worth investing in.' We are so grateful for the work we're able to do and the impact we're able to have on veterans' lives."

"If George didn't live there, he wouldn't be alive," said Mark Kenney, who is George's brother and is joining for the presentation of the donation. "MVHCT saved his life, and he has a purpose now."



### GIVING TREE CAMPAIGN COMING SOON...

Help make Christmas extra special for Michigan Veterans Home members at Chesterfield Twp. On **Wednesday**, **November 12**, MVH Chesterfield will raise our **Veterans Giving Tree** for the holiday season. Each star on the tree represents a gift requested by a veteran member or a life enrichment gift that would improve the quality of life for a group of veterans. All gifts bought for members should be wrapped with the star selected from the tree attached to the package and returned to the reception desk **by Friday**, **December 12 between 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** 

Due to the popularity of the giving tree campaign, community members should contact MVHCT Volunteer and Donations Coordinator, Hilary Kuretich, at 586-256-9921 or <a href="mailto:kuretichh@michigan.gov">kuretichh@michigan.gov</a> to confirm there are still stars available for selection. Stars can be picked up between 8:00 am – 4:30 p.m.



In lieu of a gift, donations can be made online at <u>Michigan Veteran Homes at Chesterfield Township</u> or by personal check. The donation code for on-line donations is MVH2025. Checks can be addressed to Michigan Veteran Homes with "Charitable Support Fund or CSF" on the memo line and mailed to 47901 Sugarbush Rd., Chesterfield Township, MI 48047. Charitable support funds are used to improve the quality of life for veteran members.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**The Michigan Veteran Home at Chesterfield Township** would like to thank our October sponsors and donors for supporting our members via the Charitable Support Fund (CSF). The CSF is used to support programs and services that bring joy, comfort and connection to our veteran members. Some of the amazing organizations and individuals are listed below:

- Steven & Loriann Aleo
- George Kenney
- Michigan Department of the Auxiliary to the VFW
- Military Order of the Cooties PT-24
- Nicholas & Margaret Nizza
- Polish Legion of American Veterans Auxiliary
- Port Huron Elks Lodge 343
- Vietnam Veterans of America, Detroit Chapter 9
- Wayne County Voiture 102

October was packed with excitement — from dinner out and live concerts to the Tigers Playoff Game and, of course, spooky Halloween fun! A huge thank-you to all our volunteers and donors who make these moments possible. We're so grateful for your dedication and support of our members!





Dinner at Red Lobster

































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## FUNDRAISING

**DINE-IN OR TO-GO** 



"A Place of Honor and Compassion"

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP

November 11, 2025 3pm-10pm



Present this flyer at the Chesterfield, MI location on 11/11 and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food and gift card purchases to the Michigan Veteran Homes of Chesterfield.

Any coupons or discounts taken off total purchases will reduce the amount of sales that apply towards the 10% credit.

#### SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS

For those interested in donating, our **November 2025 Wish List** can be found at <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mvh/locations/michigan-veteran-homes-at-chesterfield-township">https://www.michigan.gov/mvh/locations/michigan-veteran-homes-at-chesterfield-township</a> then select 'wish list'.

IMPORTANT: Amazon no longer provides a way to for us to thank you and sometimes donations come in multiple deliveries with no receipt or identifying information. If you plan to donate, please contact Hilary at 586-256-9921 so we can acknowledge your generosity. Here is the link: <a href="https://a.co/cl2Ceff">https://a.co/cl2Ceff</a>

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We welcome new volunteers! Volunteers help make all the Home's wonderful activities possible. Game nights, outings, bingo, movies and comedy nights, and more! There is something for everyone.

Volunteer applications are available at reception or on-line at <a href="https://www.Michigan.gov/mvh">www.Michigan.gov/mvh</a>, select 'support' and 'volunteering'.

#### **Special Request:**

- Evening volunteers are needed Monday through Friday from 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. to assist with programs and outings.
- Volunteers who are interested in working in a household with a small group of members playing cards, reading, etc.

MVH Chesterfield is incredibly lucky to have the support of our families, the community, and our loyal volunteers. If you're an individual, organization, or group and want to impact the lives of veterans by donating your time and talent, please contact us!

#### On behalf of the staff and members at MVH Chesterfield, thank you!

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Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves" – James Matthew Barrie.