



MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES

MVH GRAND RAPIDS

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MVH Mission Statement

Michigan Veteran Homes provides nation-leading long-term care and services that enhance the well-being of veterans and their families in the place they call home.



Happy August!

Hi everyone!

I will be mailing out the invitations to our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet taking place on Thursday, September 17th. As always, this is an event I am very excited for as I love celebrating you all! If you have moved or changed address, please let me know so your invite reaches you!

We have our Annual Car Show taking place on Thursday, August 27th from 1:15pm-3pm! If you have a hot rod that you'd like to be a part of our event, please reach out to me or Becky to fill out the form.

I will be working down at the Chesterfield Veteran Home August 26th - 28th which means I will not be here for the car show. A staff member will still plan on meeting all of our volunteers in the lobby area near the fireplace to talk about the event and then break off to get members. I will have limited phone and email access.

Last bit of fun news- our Team 212 (staff enrichment team), is hosting another car wash on Wednesday, August 19th with your activity team cleaning cars from 3:30-4pm. It's a \$5 donation to get your car cleaned and the money goes to our staff enrichment funds, which helps boost staff morale and cheer on the people taking care of our wonderful members!

As always, my door is always opened and I'm happy to chat! Thanks!

-Gretchen

Outings, Trips & Activities for Volunteer Support

If you are available to support any of these trips or events below, please let Gretchen know! We always appreciate the extra help and support that make these trips possible!

Tuesday Shopping- Every Tuesday from 12:45-3:30pm

- Assist members with shopping at Meijer or Walmart

Westgate Bowling- Wednesday, August 5th from 9:15am-Noon

- Volunteers will help members bowl or push bowling balls down an adaptive ramp. Always great to have volunteers cheering on our members to get a strike!

Gilmore Car Museum- Wednesday, August 19th from 8:30am-Noon

- Assist members with pushing wheelchairs throughout the car museum. Please note- you will walk a fair distance while helping!

MVHGR Annual Car Show- Thursday, August 27th from 1-3pm

- One of our member's favorite events is our annual car show! Volunteers are really needed for this event to help push members around to see all the different hot rods and vintage cars.



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"
—Gandhi