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The transition has started on changing the literature and merchandise of the VFW National Home for Children to their new name VFW National Home. They have a new mission statement "The VFW National Home assists military, veterans, and their families with children, by creating a foundation of services and resources to achieve their personal and family goals in order to move forward in a positive, safe and healthy environment."

As of October 26, 2022 - 34 out of the 42 homes have families living in them. Facilities at the home have been working fast and furious to make sure the houses are prepared and ready for the families to move in.

Santa's Shop - Did you know that the VFW National Home had a Santa's Shop? I didn't. I was surprised to hear what they did. Santa's Shop is a store where the children can shop for Christmas gifts and experience the joy of giving. The shop is stocked with gifts appropriate for all ages: children may be shopping for parents, grandparents, big brothers, little sisters, best friends, and other special people. To help with Santa's Shop, donate **NEW** items appropriate for all ages but especially for adults. Overflow gifts to the Santa shop will be available to the children for birthdays and special occasions. When mailing packages please indicate your gift is for Santa's Shop. Gifts can be delivered to: VFW National Home, Attn: Santa Shop, 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Easton Rapids, MI 48827. If you have any questions, you can call them at 866-483-9642.

Gift suggestions: Men's toiletries/gift sets; wallets and billfolds; Inexpensive jewelry for men & women; small tool sets, messenger bags; sports balls (basketballs, footballs, softballs, kick balls and soccer balls); sports equipment (bat, gloves); sport water bottles; bags/totes; inexpensive watches, winter gloves (adult sizes only); travel coffee mugs; craft/activity sets; hot pads/dish towels, belts (men and women). These are just suggestions you may have your own ideas.

Of course, financial support is always accepted. Please send your checks to our VFW Department Treasurer marked for the Santa's Shop at the VFW National Home.

Veteran's Day is very soon, I hope you have your plans completed on the distribution of our Buddy Poppy®. If not, you will need to double time it to get them done. You will need a location which will be where you will distribute them from, volunteers to distribute them and of course your Buddy Poppy®.