



December 16, 2016

Dear Friend of VAC:

The Voluntary Action Center has been there, helping area residents in need, for over 40 years, and our Annual Giving Campaign is once again under way. **Your continued support is vital to those we serve!**

Over the past year, VAC has faced many challenges, including:

- Delays in reimbursement (**over \$1,000,000 due to VAC since July**) from the State of Illinois,
- **Unprecedented** waiting lists for Meals on Wheels (**over 200 seniors in need remain unserved**),
- The closing of some VAC dining locations.

Despite these challenges, however, there is so much to be grateful for:

- **Community giving** that restored Meals on Wheels to 5 days a week and reduced the waiting list.
- **Advocacy efforts** that broke the stalemate of state funding for VAC programs.
- **Walmart Foundation and Bersted Foundation grants** allowing VAC to replace aging equipment.
- *And many more acts of kindness and generosity from our community!*

In addition, your support helped us to provide quality services to the community:

215,927 TransVAC and MedVAC Rides

- *“Everyone at Voluntary Action Center are very dedicated wonderful people. TransVAC-MedVAC-Meals on Wheels are a great service for DeKalb County. We are really blessed to have this service for DeKalb County- some counties don’t have this kind of service.” – TransVAC rider.*

68,804 Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Program Lunches

- *“I am very satisfied with the total Meals on Wheels experience! The people are very friendly & helpful. The food is always good. The wonderful people who deliver our meals are friendly and it's nice to talk to them. They are like friends.” – Meals on Wheels Recipient*

34,243 Summer Meals for Children

- *“Thank you for your wonderful meal program brought to Camp Power each day. Because of you, we were able to provide a fun-filled summer wellness program to 140 children this summer.” – Camp Power Staff Member*

Your gift will help VAC continue to provide, and hopefully increase, such vital services as Meals on Wheels, meals for low income children, transportation for dialysis and other life sustaining care, access for our veterans to VA facilities, and transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities for employment, shopping, and other community resources.

Our community is strong, and together we can continue to make a difference for those in need!

Sincerely,

VAC Board President

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Executive Director