Help make someone's Christmas as special as yours.

Blessing Bags for Veterans.

We are currently collecting items to assemble "blessing bags" with gifts for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Peer Services Dept. This annual fundraiser provided more than 350 much-needed items to less fortunate families in Boston and Cambridge last year alone.

We hope you'll join us this year!

Use this list as a reference for your own collection, and to get others involved! Drop off materials at The Cambridge Homes up until **Dec.18th**. The bags will be delivered before Christmas morning.

All donations will be made to and collected by The Cambridge Homes who is collaborating with Bedford VA Peer Services, which provides veterans with support for accessing mental and physical health care, recovering from substance use, acquiring employment and housing, managing finances, and developing connections in the community. These specialists are veterans who have "been there" and can draw upon their lived experiences to assist fellow veterans with their recovery.

For more information about how to get involved, please reach out to Teresa Burns at tburns@thecambridgehomes.org or 617-876-0369.



BAGS NEEDED: Used school backpacks, nylon string backpacks, used toiletry bags, gallon Ziploc bags or anything easy to carry.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap and body wash
- Shaving cream
- Perfume/body spray
- Women's feminine products (tampons/pads)
- Hand sanitizer and lotion
- Socks
- Slippers
- Flip flops
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Cough drops
- Combs and brushes
- Gloves/Hats/Scarves
- T-shirts/Sweatshirts
- Chapstick
- Non-perishable snacks (crackers, cookie packages, nuts, pretzels etc.)
- \$5 gift cards to Dunkin Donuts or McDonalds

Travel sized items are best and most everything can be found at the dollar tree.

Filled bags will also be greatly appreciated.



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