



**THE PHILADELPHIA VETERANS MULTI-SERVICE & EDUCATION CENTER, INC.**  
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*"Celebrating 25 years of service to Veterans"*

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Mr. Jack Murphy  
Chairman Veterans Committee  
Greater Wildwood Elks Lodge No. 1896  
P.O. Box 1281  
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

It was so nice to speak with you the other day regarding the needs of the veterans we serve here at our Center. As discussed, although the needs of the veterans we serve are many and varied, one that stands out is the help needed to get formerly homeless veterans into housing. Through a grant from the City of Philadelphia that comes from HUD through the President's stimulus package to cities we are able to place individuals and families into housing by assisting with deposits and escrow and utilities. However, once we place someone in an apartment there are many times that this person does not have any furniture, not even a bed to sleep on. We had discussed that possibly your members may have gently used furniture that could be given to the veteran, and the possibility of your member maybe having small appliances such as, can openers, mixers, toasters, etc. If your organization could donate dollars at this time the money would be used to purchase these household items through organizations that we partner with such as The St. Vincent DePaul Society, Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries.

As always it was my pleasure to talk to you and it is heartening to know that you and the Greater Wildwood Elks are always interested in helping veterans. Thank you for all that you have done in the past and we are looking forward to a new year and lasting relationship with you and your lodge. Your support, generosity, concern and interest are most appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Yours in Veteran Services

  
Patricia A. Pomroy  
Director of Client Services