

State Grange of Minnesota Community Service Programs

Hats for the Homeless

With Minnesota winters as cold as they are, the need for hats, gloves, scarfs, and more for the homeless is high. All members are encouraged to knit or purchase warm winter outerwear to be donated once a year at State Session.

Likewise, the need for towels in homeless shelters is often overlooked. Grangers are encouraged to clean out their linen closets (as well as those of their friends and family) for towels that are no longer needed but in good repair.

Grangers should collect outerwear and towels through the end of September 2017. Delegates from each Grange will then bring all donations to State Session where they will be donated to the host Grange's local homeless shelter.

Gifts for Seniors

As senior communities are only growing with the aging of Baby Boomers, all Granges are urged to collect or make gifts for local senior homes. Items can be collected throughout the year, and delivered to the facility of the community Grange's choice during the holiday season. Keep track of your progress and take pictures!

Letters to the Troops

This one would be a great Lecture's program! Grangers are asked to write letters, or create care packages to send to troops stationed overseas. Throughout the year US troops are overseas fighting or supporting our allies. Many may be homesick, or not have loved ones stateside to communicate with. By writing letters, and better yet sending care packages, Granges can show that these service men and women are not forgotten.

There are a few different organizations Granges can choose to utilize to get items to our soldiers overseas. If Granges have different organizations they would like to use they are more than welcome, but here are three different suggestions:

Adopt-a-Soldier: www.adoptaussoldier.org

Give 2 the Troops: www.give2thetroops.org

Operation Gratitude: www.operationgratitude.com

