

Buddy Poppy® and National Home - November Blog

Thank you to everyone for all your recent reports related to the promotion of Buddy Poppies® and the National Home in the weeks around Veterans Day. This, and the period around Memorial Day, is probably the busiest time of year for the promotion of this program. I have received reports related to Poppy fundraising drives, the use of Poppies to decorate tables for meals, entries to the Buddy Poppy® competition, the creation of tray favors with Poppies for VA hospitals, the distribution of Poppies at Veterans Day ceremonies and many more. Keep them coming!

For those that did Buddy Poppy® Drives, maybe you are now trying to decide what programs to support with those funds you raised? If so, I have a suggestion!

The following information was shared by Cathey Farley, our National Ambassador.



Each holiday season, the National Home makes sure that even the youngest residents at the National Home can experience the joy of giving! In December, the Community Center auditorium is transformed into Santa's Shop, where children can select gifts for the important people in their lives. The children build up "credits" during the year by participating in community service projects and use these "credits" to purchase items in Santa's Shop.

Where do the items in the store come from? That's where we come in! Would you or your Auxiliary like to help support Santa's Shop by making a monetary donation? Send your check to the National Home earmarked for "Santa's Shop". Donations received are used to stock the store with goodies such as toiletries, wallets, billfolds and purses, insulated lunch bags, small tool sets, electric hair straighteners, blow dryers, costume jewelry, books and much more.

Donations for this holiday period are requested by December 13 but are accepted anytime. Outside the holiday period any remaining items are available for the children to give as birthday presents or for other special occasions.