

CURRENT AND CONSTANT NEEDS OF "SOFAS FOR SERVICE"

- Monetary support for mattress and box spring purchases.
- Monetary support for our general operating expenses (storage, insurance, transportation, marketing, etc.).
- Persons experienced or willing to learn bookkeeping, inventory control and value estimating, grant writing and fund raising, volunteer coordination, and board members with non-profit experience.
- WE ACCEPT MOST HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS IN GOOD TO LIKE NEW OR NEW CONDITION. THESE INCLUDE LIVING ROOM AND BEDROOM FURNITURE (NO MATTRESS OR BOXSPRINGS), KITCHENWARES (SMALL APPLIANCES, FLATWARE, AND DISH/SERVICEWARE), VACUUM CLEANERS, microwaves and air conditioners.
- We accept electronic appliances with an added disposal fee.
- LARGE APPLIANCES ARE GENERALLY NOT NEEDED.
- MONETARY DONATIONS ARE CONSTANTLY NEEDED.

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*Please help in any way you can. Thank you,
Pete Hestekin, President and founder.*

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A Wisconsin registered 501 (c) (3) corporation

Donations are deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please consult your tax advisor regarding specific questions about your deduction.

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Household furnishings free to Veterans in need.

"Sofas" had its start back in the winter of 2014-15 when Pete Hestekin started volunteering at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Tomah, Wisconsin. Through the "Volunteer Newsletter" he was made aware of some needs for the permanent residents there. He asked his church congregation at "Saving Grace Lutheran" in Eau Claire, to help supply some of those needs such as under clothing and hygiene items. The congregation was very supportive and provided items on multiple occasions. Later, through the same newsletter, he became aware of a need for home furnishings for Veterans being placed in housing through the "Section 8 VASH HUD" program. He again asked his congregation and the support was over whelming.

In December of 2016 "Sofas for Service" became a nonprofit 501(c) (3) corporation. We now serve Veterans with referrals coming from different sources including the Tomah VAMC, King Veteran's Home in Waupaca, Veteran's Assistance Foundation, the Minnesota Action Council for Veterans, Indianhead Community Action agency, Center for Veterans Issues, Veteran Courts, and various county VA offices and through direct contact by Veterans themselves or their families.

Since its beginning in the winter of 2014, Pete, with the help of many volunteers, have served over 225 individual Veterans and Veteran families. They have made hundreds of trips to homes and apartment complexes, with truck and trailer loads of furniture and other home furnishings throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota. From the Chippewa Valley, to LaCrosse, Madison and Milwaukee to Wausau up to Superior down to Rochester and Mankato to



This is a common sight when we get to a Veterans apartment.

near Sioux Falls and back to Tomah. Because awareness of this organization has grown ("Sofas" served 82 Veterans in 2020), and because an estimated 2000 of this country's 40,000 homeless veterans live in the state of Wisconsin alone, "Sofas for Service, Inc." can no longer depend solely on the support of one individual. In order to meet the needs of our homeless veterans in this and our neighboring states, we must have the support of the community at large. Sofas receives no government funding. However, we do not ask for anything from our Veterans other than proof of service.



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This is what it looks like when we leave.

Sofas for Service is able to accomplish its' mission largely through the support of individual generosity. But we have also received financial support from corporate entities such as the Green Bay Packer Foundation, Boeing employees, Dunn Energy, Westconsin Credit Union, Royal Credit Union, Elks Clubs, VFW's and American Legions to name a few. We've partnered with American Legion Post 53 women's auxiliary to provide new sheets and pillow cases; Trinity and St. Matthews Lutheran churches in Eau Claire to provide handmade quilts and "Oh Yarn It MN" near Northfield MN to provide knitted dishcloths and potholders for us to give to our Veteran Heroes.

We have a constant need for funding as there are expenses associated with administering our program. Although we are 100% volunteer and have ZERO payroll we do have insurance payments and warehouse rental at a bare minimum. Transportation expenses are still being largely funded by our volunteers and our founder, Pete Hestekin and his wife Renae with their personal vehicles and trailers. We need support for our bedding fund. We buy new mattresses and box springs for our Veterans who need them. We do not accept used mattresses.

Thank you for your support.