

Perley Health's
VETERAN PRIORITY NEEDS

for the comfort, betterment, and safety of the Veterans who call
Rideau Veterans Residence home

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Equipment:

- Ensure Veterans are comfortable and staff are able to prevent and heal pressure injuries with **new specialized mattresses and cushions**. Various makes and models are needed to meet the evolving medical needs of Veterans (\$25,000 overall cost).
- **PURCHASED** four new fully integrated bath lifts (\$20,485 each) to allow Veterans to enjoy a secure and comfortable bathing routine. With the lift, staff safely transport residents from their beds or wheelchairs into the bath.
- **PURCHASED** - two palliative care carts (2 @ \$1,945 each). Families use these carts while visiting with their loved ones at the end of life. Carts are equipped with items to provide comfort, such as music, blankets, tea, etc.
- **PURCHASED** Improve comfort and safety for Veterans during hygiene routines with **specialized shower commodes** (regular commodes @ \$2,000 each and 3 bariatric commodes @ \$3,900 each).
- **PURCHASED** - Replace one **Carendo shower chair** (\$16,620) for Veterans who use wheelchairs to ensure a comfortable and safe experience during their shower routines. The chair enables a single caregiver to perform the entire hygiene routine, including dressing/undressing and showering in a single transfer.
- **PURCHASED** - Provide Veterans with a good night's sleep with **new mattresses** (25 @ 480 each). Some of our mattresses have reached their life span of approximately eight years.
- **PURCHASED** - Help Veterans regain mobility with **two trainers** to complement residents' current physiotherapy regimen. The sit-to-stand trainer and active/passive trainers meet the various needs of Veterans based on their current mobility status (sit-to-stand trainer @ \$10,460, active/passive trainer @ \$14,020).
- **PURCHASED** - Provide Veterans with mobility limitations the opportunity to participate in programs and activities with a new **bariatric wheelchair** (\$7,880).

Access to Programming Space:

- Create a fun and relaxing atmosphere for Veterans to enjoy a variety of therapeutic recreation programming in their unit **activity rooms** (2 rooms @ \$10,000 each).
- Purchase a **new magic table** for Veterans living with dementia. This therapeutic equipment is an innovative, interactive tool designed to enhance the lives of those living with dementia. It has been shown to have a positive impact on the quality of life of those living in long-term care (\$20,180).

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- **ON HOLD** Provide Veterans with fully accessible activity space for outdoor recreation programming (\$30,000). This new space would be open for various outdoor games and activities that all Veterans and their families could participate in, no matter their abilities and mobility limitations.

Outdoor Improvement:

- **FULLY FUNDED** - Create accessible access to Perley Health's Cenotaph grounds, allowing Veterans, their families and visitors to visit the monument safely (\$20,000).
- **FULLY FUNDED** - Enhance the safety of Veterans and their families by repairing the sidewalks and ramps surrounding the Rideau Veterans Residence (\$30,000).

FUNDS FROM THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION POPPY FUNDS WILL CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO THE CARE, SAFETY, AND COMFORT EXPERIENCED BY THE VETERANS WHO CALL THE RIDEAU VETERAN RESIDENCE HOME. POPPY FUNDS WILL NOT BE SPENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES.