

# VFW National Home for Children

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## **National Home Attends 2009-2010 National President's Homecoming Celebration**

**Eaton Rapids, Mich.** – The VFW National Home for Children congratulates Jan Tittle on her prestigious election as the 2009-2010 National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. National Home representatives traveled to Myrtle Beach, SC to honor Tittle at her recent Homecoming celebration that took place September 18-19.

Executive Director Patrice Green and Program Director Molly Studinger attended and Director Green was provided the opportunity to speak to Tittle and members of the Ladies Auxiliary, thanking everyone for the important role the Ladies Auxiliary plays in helping the National Home provide Help, Hope and Honor to our nation's veterans and their families.

Studinger spoke as well, highlighting the various programs that provide enriching experiences for the children, helping them to grow both educationally and socially.

Following National Home remarks was the announcement of a new Mini-Bus project spearheaded by National President Tittle. In honor of the Home's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday in January of 2010, Tittle is asking Ladies Auxiliary Departments, Conferences, Auxiliaries and members to join together to purchase a wonderful birthday gift for the children to take care of a special need.

In December 2010, a new state law will prevent the National Home from using 11 passenger vans to transport the children, so the National Home needs a **Mini-Bus**. The Home regularly transports larger groups of children for educational field trips, sporting events, recreational activities and to do community service volunteer work. \$60,000 is needed for the Mini-Bus project.

The ladies wasted no time in working towards this goal. Dept. of Ohio President Meg Klaameyer rallied the members at the Homecoming celebration who raised \$479.25 on the spot. In addition, Tittle presented a check for \$5,000 as one of her Homecoming gifts to get the mini-bus project off to a great start.

President Tittle is asking members and auxiliaries to **mail in a Birthday card to the National Home and to enclose a donation for the Mini-Bus if they can**. The National Home will prominently display the birthday cards by filling in a large outline of a mini-bus on campus. Tittle hopes to see the outline filled in during her visit to the National Home for the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday party in January.

Note: The small vans the Home has received from the Campbell label program are 7 passenger mini-vans and are still much needed to transport small groups of children. Please keep those Campbell UPC codes coming!

The National Home thanks Tittle and the Ladies Auxiliary for taking on this project and is eager to work with Tittle and the Ladies Auxiliary in their efforts to provide the necessary and needed care for our nation's most honored community, our veterans and their families.

Since 1925 the VFW National Home for Children has provided Help, Hope and Honor for the children and families of our nation's military and veterans. For more information please call (517) 663-1521, toll-free at (800) 424-8360 or visit [www.vfnationalhome.org](http://www.vfnationalhome.org)

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