

VFW National Home for Children

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National Home Residents Celebrate Easter with Ohio Cooties

Eaton Rapids, Mich. – Cooties and bunnies were found roaming the campus of the VFW National Home for Children on March 31 during the annual Easter Treat sponsored by the Grand of Ohio Cooties. National Home residents, staff and Cooties enjoyed an Easter basket delivery, egg hunt, ice cream social and roller skating party.

Easter Treat is an annual event focused on connecting Cooties with the residents of the National Home. More than 30 members from Ohio and other states traveled to the National Home for a weekend of fun with the children and families. The Cootie crew was led by Ohio Grand Commander Chuck Chilar and Ohio Grand President Josephine Gony. Additionally, festivity participants included National Home Board of Trustees Vice President Roger Taylor of Grover Hill, Ohio, MOC Supreme Chaplain Barry Walker of East Palestine, Ohio and MOC Supreme Senior Vice Commander Ralph Corno of Edison, N.J.

The weekend began with a spaghetti dinner hosted for the residents of the Ohio House Friday evening. Saturday morning brought a basket delivery by the Easter Bunny to every family on campus. The Community Center lawn was then peppered with colored eggs filled with candy and cash for the young residents to find and keep.

After the egg hunt, everyone was invited to the ice cream social in the Community Center Café. Tours of the Ohio House and Stephen P. Yokich duplex concluded the afternoon activities on campus. In the evening, children and youth enjoyed a roller skating party at Jackson All-Skate.

Easter Treat is funded and sponsored by the generous members of the Grand of Ohio Cooties. Chairpersons Dave Fackler and Theresa “Tex” Cumber organize the donations from Easter baskets to egg hunt prizes and the rest of the fun for the weekend.

Since 1925 the VFW National Home for Children has been providing for the children and families of our nation’s veterans, while at the same time serving as a living memorial to our nation’s heroes. For more information on the National Home, please call (517) 663-1521, toll-free at (800) 424-8360 or visit www.vfnationalhome.org.

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