

VFW National Home for Children

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Ohio Brings Smiles, Donations to Annual Celebration

Eaton Rapids, Mich. – A cheerful and generous delegation of Ohio residents brought more than \$60,000 in donations in addition to their overwhelming support to the National Home’s Ohio Day on August 4.

The day started with a large caravan of cars and buses being greeted at the National Home main entrance with “Welcome Ohio” signs. The residents of the National Home waved and yelled greetings as the long line of cars dropped off their annual donation of school supplies and other needed items at the Home.

From 10 a.m. to noon visitors guided themselves on walking tours of the sprawling National Home campus, including stops to the Ohio House, new Hawaii Duplex, Guest Lodge, Chapel, Nursery, Fire Barn and Museum.

The campus was alive with activity as residents and visitors enjoyed fun and games before lunch. There was plenty to do with a petting zoo, hayrides, a bounce house, 40 & 8 Train rides, bingo and children’s games.

After lunch, Ohio VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members along with National Home staff and residents participated in a recognition and appreciation program. Department of Ohio Commander Roger Frye and Department President Marti Bridges joined Department National Home Chairmen Jack Uber and Auxiliary Chairman Sheila Coleman in greeting new and returning visitors and thanking the membership for their outstanding support this year.

“The support of the Ohio House by your Department through the generosity of Posts and members from across your state is so important to the National Home,” Executive Director Patrice Green said in her remarks. “On behalf of the families and children here who are working hard to achieve a brighter future, thank you for providing such a beautiful home and this opportunity for them.”

The formal program concluded with raffle ticket drawings and the traditional “Parade of Checks.” Many Posts and Auxiliaries showed their support for the National Home by presenting checks in all amounts. The crowd was delighted to hear the total – \$62,910.

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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