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THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR VETERANS

Thanksgiving dinner will be served to homeless and other needy veterans and their families, Sunday, November 23, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Buffalo VA, 3495 Bailey Avenue. Judi Kaczmarek, Human Resources Specialist has organized the event for the last eight years. She has been gratified with the response received by both the staff and the veterans served from previous years. The event occurs the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day in order to provide a hot meal to those in need. Admission is by ticket only. Homeless veterans and veterans in need can call 881-5855 to obtain a ticket and learn more about transportation. About 150 veterans and their families will be treated to a turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings that will be served by staff in the VA Food Court located in the hospital's lower level. Veteran Service Organizations and other community groups have made donations for the event. Entertainment by children of staff and a magic show will highlight the festivities this year. VA health care and other veterans' benefits information will be provided to veterans with the opportunity to enroll in VA health care at the event.

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