



**American
Red Cross**

Totes of Hope

What is it? Totes of Hope is a personal care kit drive in which items for veterans are collected, assembled in a backpack or tote bag, and distributed through Veteran's hospitals or veterans outreach programs.

Show gratitude to veterans that served our country through this event.

How does it help? A key part of the mission of the Red Cross is to support the military, their families and veterans. Totes of Hope will provide essential personal care items like soap, toothpaste, shaving cream, and more to veterans in need. Through this activity, you are making a huge impact and helping to fulfill the Red Cross mission.

Taking it to the next level

Invite associates to sort items, and share information about the Red Cross's work in the community.

Suggested Care Kit Items

Please **do not** include items that contain glitter - it may cause respiratory distress in patients with compromised respiratory systems. Please **do not** include any items that are open, used, or are near or past their expiration dates.

Suggested items:

- Socks
- Toothpaste
- Tooth brushes
- Hand sanitizer
- Travel size shaving cream
- Baby Wipes
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Soap or travel size body wash
- Dental floss
- Deodorant
- Hair brush/comb
- Travel size shampoo and conditioner
- Travel size baby powder
- Travel size petroleum jelly
- Men's or women's underwear
- Shower shoes or flip flops
- Winter hats/ear muffs
- Gloves
- Phone cards
- Crossword puzzles or activity books
- Magazines or books
- Pocket calendar
- Prescription caddy
- Restaurant gift card
- Rain poncho
- Drawstring bag or backpack

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