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Mary's Missions is having a great year so far.

A great bit of learning about tax and other informational returns due for 2021. These needed to be filed for 2021, since the date on our determination letter from the IRS was listed as October of 2021 even though the determination wasn't requested until February, 2022. For our small organization it was costly as well. The 990-PF needed by the IRS was only accepted as an E-File. Certain firms are authorized to do this E-File. The best deal was \$170, but may have been a good thing, since the return was audited by the firm and found to be correct.

On to the real purposes of our existence.

For the Veterans – 8 sets of sheets, and furnishings for an additional laundry basket were purchased in 2022, when a donor gave an additional laundry basket. Most of the items for the Laundry Baskets were purchased in December of 2021, when I was able to get a 25% discount on one shopping day.

This year Mary's Missions is working on a new project for the Veteran's Administration. They have asked for some "Kitchen Kits" to aid homeless veterans transitioning into independent living. These will include sauce pan, frying pan, baking sheet, mixing bowls, cutting

board, place setting with silverware & other miscellaneous measuring, cutting, stirring kinds of things, all contained in a 70 qt. tote with lid. A sample kit is being assembled and a grant from Greater Green Bay Community Foundation has been requested to cover the cost of the bigger items.

For the Homeless- In February, MM was able to procure at a very good price – hats and scarves for next year (2023) backpacks. We already have them for 2022. Our one issue here is mittens. Early on we were supplying the cheap little gloves, but for 2021 & 2022 my friend knitted 48 pairs of mittens – so much warmer. However, she is having issues with her hands and is unable to continue this work. MM would like to continue supplying mittens, but thus far, have been unable find anyone to volunteer. MM always provided the yarn. The inmates at Wisconsin Correctional Institute in DePere knitted hats and scarves with yarn provided by MM. However, the pandemic stopped that action. And they don't do mittens.

MM just ordered a case (24) backpacks for our 2022 project.

Our new project for the Homeless is a Summer Snack Bag. These will be drawstring backpacks containing bottled water, rain poncho, healthy snacks, sun screen, wet wipes and suckers, along with 2 \$5 gift cards from McDonalds. Walmart is providing a \$100 gift card for MM to shop for snacks and things at Walmart and the gift cards will come out of MM's budget. We can only do 10 bags at this time, but I am sure more would be appreciated.

Wild Horse Butte Community Development Center- Four shipments have gone out so far in 2022. In January, 6 winter coats, 32 fleece & knitted sweaters, 3 prs. winter boots and various jeans, pajamas and long-sleeved tops.

In February, children's undies, 70 prs. in all, 13 pr. Sweatpants, 10 sweatshirts and long-sleeved T-shirts. A second shipment in February consisted of blankets, dental hygiene items, winter hats & scarves, and ladies' pants, top and jacket donated by friends of MM.

In March- 5 fleece zippered girls' jackets & leggings, winter hats & mitts, underwear items.

In April – MM assembled “Care Packages” at the request of the women's shelter at Wild Horse Butte. These would be given to women leaving the shelter – to help them continue to take care of themselves. The kits included bath towel, wash cloth, bar of soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, feminine products, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, wet wipes, hand lotion, and comb all contained in a drawstring backpack. 10 backpacks were sent on April 22.

May 21st, the Village of Wrightstown is having its annual village-wide garage sale. My friend, Janice, the mitten knitter, and I have gone each year for the past 3-4 years, looking for nice clothing for the children of Wild Horse Butte. We plan to do the same again this year.

Buying the items to send is not the biggest expense. Shipping is the costliest part of this operation.

None of the above would have been possible without the generosity of people like you. Our deepest gratitude to those who have helped in any way to improve the quality of life for veterans, the homeless and disadvantaged Native American women and children.

MM would be happy to hear of any fundraising ideas and is happy to accept donations in memory of a loved one.

