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Advia Credit Union Inspires continued support for Veterans helping Veterans

Advia Credit Union proudly partnered with Veterans Helping Veterans SWMI to provide essential items for two Veterans in our community. Together, they shed a light on Veteran homelessness and provided two local Veterans a hand up, not a hand-out. All items were purchased using donations from employees and Advia Credit Union. The Veterans received furniture, pots, pans, cleaning supplies, and other essential items to make it possible for the family to function in their home.

This gesture inspired one Advia Credit Union employee and her family to bring an idea about donating to her son's 4-H group. Veterans Helping Veterans came to his meeting, and afterwards the group decided to spend \$500 to provide items to the Veterans. Together they shopped for personal and household items, then put together 30-day kits to help a Veteran get back on their feet.

"I feel so very fortunate to work for a company that inspires such huge community involvement that continues to touch lives" said Advia Credit Union employee, Stacey Apsey-Dunn.

"Based on the last Point-in-Time count in January 2018, the VA estimates nearly 38,000 Veterans were experiencing homelessness," says Larry Bales, President of Veterans Helping Veterans SWMI. "If more people and businesses could partner with us, we could make a big difference in the community."

Veterans Helping Veterans is fulfilling its mission because of generous monetary donations and donations of essential home items from community members. Monetary donations can be made online at vetshelpswmi.org. To volunteer your time or donate items, contact the organization at 269.966.5764.

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