

## Class of 2023 Impact Grant Recipients

**Allegheny, Pa., Lodge No. 339** (Year 8) will continue the *Yellow Glove Project*, which fills the gap food stamps leave for local families.

**Ames, Iowa, Lodge No. 1626** (Year 2) will bring the community together through its project, *OneAmes*, providing biweekly events to connect people experiencing homelessness with the community at large through educational programming and medical assistance.

**Augusta, Maine, Lodge No. 964** (Year 2) will give high school students an edge when it comes to career choice with Elks serving as mentors to teach essential job skills and cultivate potential career paths through the *Edge Program*.

**Blue Springs, Mo., Lodge No. 2509** (New) will install carbon monoxide, fire detectors and necessary safety equipment, and provide CPR classes to the community through its project, *Saving Our Citizens and First Responders*.

**Brainerd, Minn., Lodge No. 615** (Year 6) will continue the *Mark Munson Memorial School of Rock and Open Mic Venue*, a summer camp music program and open mic nights for teens.

**Bremerton, Wash., Lodge No. 1181** (Year 4) will promote literacy and prepare elementary school students for natural disasters in an area that sits on two fault lines through *Reading for Readiness*.

**Bristol County, R.I., Lodge No. 1860** (Year 15) will continue *East Bay Cares*, a food and supply project for area food pantries and other social service organizations.

**Caldwell, Idaho, Lodge No. 1448** (Year 9) will continue the *Elks Care about Foster Care* project, which supports children in the foster care system.

**Cartersville, Ga., Lodge No. 1969** (Year 7) will continue *Project Safe Harbor*, which supports the food and material needs of a local homeless shelter.

**Casa Grande, Ariz., Lodge No. 1957** (New) will build cooling stations and providing information and goods to combat heat stroke to individuals experiencing homelessness through its project, *Casa Grande Homeless Assistance and Heat Relief*.

**Chattanooga, Tenn., Lodge No. 91** (Year 2) will help veterans stay safe and warm in their homes by assisting with home repairs through its project, *Home Sweet Home*.

**Cheyenne, Wyo., Lodge No. 660** (Year 2) will continue *Operation Brotherly Love*, which will provide meals, support and resources to people experiencing homelessness in their community.

**Cocoa, Fla., Lodge No. 1532** (New) will provide art therapy to individuals recovering from PTSD or traumatic events through its project, *Our Painted Hearts*.

**Coolidge-Florence, Ariz., Lodge No. 2350** (Year 7) will continue *EFELT (Elks Feeding Empty Little Tummies)*, its weekend meal program for youth.

**Davenport, Iowa, Lodge No. 298** (Year 4) will support elementary school students monthly with winter clothes, school supplies, educational activities, and literacy programs through *Kids at Madison School Matter*.

**Dover, Del., Lodge No. 1903** (Year 8) will continue the *Elks 1903 Pantry*, a mobile pantry for individuals experiencing homelessness.

**El Paso, Texas, Lodge No. 187** (Year 6) will continue *TTP Community Outreach Campaign*, a program designed to raise awareness for and package and distribute hygiene items to local nonprofits.

**El Reno, Okla., Lodge No. 743** (Year 5) will maintain the *Veterans Mobile Resource Unit*, a trailer equipped to provide supplies and support to veterans in crisis.

**Elwood, Ind., Lodge No. 368** (Year 4) will promote literacy and combat hunger among local students through *Read & Feed: Fiction, Food and Fun*, a project utilizing food-themed books and corresponding dinners.

**Erie, Pa., Lodge No. 67** (Year 5) will continue *Comfort Care 4 Vets (CC4V)*, a project dedicated to providing hygiene items and other non-food essentials to veterans through the Erie V.A. Medical Center.

**Fayetteville-Springdale, Ark., Lodge No. 1987** (Year 9) will continue the *Veterans Impact Grant Project*, which meets the needs of veterans who are experiencing, or have recently exited, homelessness.

**Fresno, Calif., Lodge No. 439** (Year 9) will continue the *Mt. Olympus Challenge*, a school-based program that teaches teens at risk of dropping out the importance of community service.

**Galena, Ill., Lodge No. 882** (New) will provide weekly recreational activities for adults with disabilities through its project, *Big Beautiful World*.

**Gilbert, Ariz., Lodge No. 2848** (Year 4) will provide boxes of food and new clothes to elementary school students through *Caring is Sharing*.

**Grand Island, Neb., Lodge No. 604** (Year 7) will continue the *Veterans Food Pantry*, which provides critical items to veterans transitioning out of homelessness.

**Grangeville, Idaho, Lodge No. 1825** (Year 2) will decrease food waste through *Feed the Need*, providing a variety of classes on food preservation, such as canning, food dehydration, wild game processing and jerky making.

**Greater Pine Island, Fla., Lodge No. 2781** (Year 5) will continue *the Elks Senior Housing Partnership* project, which helps older community members stay in their homes safely through home updates, ramps and hurricane preparedness support.

**Groton, Conn., Lodge No. 2163** (Year 4) will run *Donation Station* in partnership with Groton Human Services to provide needed household items like paper towels, dish soap, and laundry detergent for people experiencing homelessness and families.

**Hackensack, N.J., Lodge No. 658** (Year 2) will expand upon past Spotlight Grants to support family literacy and utilization of library programs through *Hackensack Elks Little Library Operation*, or *HELLO, Boxes*.

**Hackettstown, N.J., Lodge No. 2331** (Year 2) will work with the local Hispanic community to provide youth enrichment programs, translation services, and adult ESL resources through *Conexiones Hispanas*, or *Hispanic Connections*.

**Hattiesburg, Miss., Lodge No. 599** (New) will renovate the homes of people with disabilities through its project, *Sense of Security through Modifications*.

**Hickory, N.C., Lodge No. 1654** (Year 12) will continue the *Helping Hands* project, which provides meals to a soup kitchen.

**Hopkins, Minn., Lodge No. 2221** (Year 11) will continue *Teaming Up for Teens*, a support program for teens experiencing homelessness.

**Huntingdon, Penn., Lodge No. 976** (New) will provide care packages and build ramps for veterans living below the poverty line through its project, *Huntingdon Elks Veterans Relief Program*.

**Kerrville, Texas, Lodge No. 2081** (Year 9) will continue to support community members with mental illness by hosting events and providing supplies through the *Bridging the Gap* project.

**Kingman, Ariz., Lodge No. 468** (Year 5) will help veterans and their families move into permanent housing through *Operation Turnkey*. The Lodge will provide vital home supplies and mentorship throughout the year.

**Lake Hopatcong, N.J., Lodge No. 782** (Year 2) will use its namesake natural resource to develop environmental sustainability by teaching students from families living in households below the poverty line the importance of water and lake ecology through *Lake Hopatcong Elks Floating Classroom*.

**Laughlin, Nev., Lodge No. 2872** (Year 8) will continue its reading literacy program with a mobile incentive store, *Read to Succeed*.

**Lockport, N.Y., Lodge No. 41** (Year 11) will resume *Camp Happiness* for children and young adults with disabilities.

**Lynnwood, Wash., Lodge No. 2171** (New) will create a learning center and provide support for families living under the poverty line who have infants and toddlers through its project, *Lynnwood Elks Early Childhood Recourse Center*.

**McAllen, Texas, Lodge No. 1402** (Year 7) will continue the *Elks Enrichment Programs for Youth*, a series of youth summer camps.

**Newport, R.I., Lodge No. 104** (Year 2) will address unmet needs by providing incontinence products, specialty diet foods, and other hygiene-related items to a food pantry through *DIGNITY*.

**Osawatomie, Kan., Lodge No. 921** (Year 4) will keep up *Tri-Ko and Us*, a project supporting adults with disabilities through monthly social activities and improvements to a local disability support organization's facilities.

**Pendleton, S.C., Lodge No. 2861** (New) will provide classes on parenting, life skills, sexual education, and personal growth to teenagers in the Medicaid Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Services program through its project, *Enhanced MAPPS Project*.

**Plainview, Texas, Lodge No. 1175** (Year 6) will sustain the *Elks 1175 Center*, a safe facility for veterans transitioning out of homelessness to stay and receive services.

**Plant City, Fla., Lodge No. 1727** (Year 4) will assemble the *Weekly Everyday Blessings (WEB) Squad* to provide weekly meals, several holiday events and support to a local foster care program.

**Port Townsend, Wash., Lodge No. 317** (Year 6) will continue the *Elks 317 Supply Shop* to meet the immediate needs of people experiencing homelessness in their community.

**Portsmouth, N.H., Lodge No. 97** (New) will combat military suicide and depression by fostering relationships with those in service at the local naval base through its project, *Liberty Investments Nurture Kinships, or LINK*.

**Putnam, Conn., Lodge No. 574** (New) will provide a Food Share Box and care packages filled with nutritional recipes to individuals experiencing food insecurity with its project, *Elks Care, Food Share*.

**Red Wing, Minn., Lodge No. 845** (Year 4) will keep up *HeART (Hope for At-Risk Teens)*, a project that supports teens in their area with cooking classes, childcare supplies, winter clothing, school supplies, hygiene items and a food pantry.

**Redlands, Calif., Lodge No. 583** (Year 2) will engage single mothers and their families who have survived domestic violence through events and equip them with day-to-day supplies through *Elks Standing in the Gap for Single Moms*.

**Rensselaer, N.Y., Lodge No. 2073** (New) will host monthly activities and weekly check-ins with veterans experiencing PTSD through its project, *Operation Be Well*.

**Salem, Ill., Lodge No. 1678** (Year 6) will continue *Hungry Hearts*, a school-based backpack and literacy program.

**Salem, Ore., Lodge No. 336** (Year 4) will carry on with the *Salem Elks Welcome Home Project* to help veterans and their families transition into permanent housing with personalized supplies and fellowship.

**Santa Maria, Calif., Lodge No. 1538** (Year 2) will host *Veteran Stand Downs & Lunches* to serve as a place for veterans to socialize, eat, receive supplies, and obtain information on services provided at the local, state and federal levels.

**Santa Monica, Calif., Lodge No. 906** (Year 7) will continue *Operation Veteran Support*, a program designed to supply veterans transitioning out of homelessness with clothing, shelter and food.

**Saratoga-Wilton, N.Y., Lodge No. 161** (Year 2) plans to protect some of its most vulnerable citizens through programming aimed at preventing domestic violence and sexual assault and will provide support to survivors through *Engaging and Supporting Our Community to End Relationship Abuse and Sexual Assault*.

**South Kingston, R.I., Lodge No. 1899** (Year 9) will continue to help local seniors, families and individuals with disabilities maintain their homes through the *Home Maintenance and Repair Assistance* project.

**St. George 'Dixie,' Utah, Lodge No. 1743** (Year 9) will continue to connect and mentor students with the *Youth in Crisis* project.

**St. Louis, Mo., Lodge No. 9** (Year 2) will set students up to take flight after high school through a mentorship program that will introduce students to various career paths through *The SOAR Program: Lifting At-Risk High Schoolers to New Heights*.

**Statesville, N.C., Lodge No. 1823** (New) will assist individuals experiencing homelessness through its project, *Cornerstone: Feed, Clothe, Educate, Empower*, by building a community garden, providing food and clothing, and teaching classes to improve literacy.

**Vero Beach, Fla., Lodge No. 1774** (Year 9) will continue *Kids of Character*, a program that supports a local elementary school with uniforms and a weekly incentive store for good behavior.

**Washington DC-Rockville, Md., Lodge No. 15** (Year 6) will continue its *Elks Fill in the Gaps for Vets* program, which provides material support and social activities to veterans transitioning out of homelessness.

**Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge No. 28** (Year 14) will continue to ensure families with children facing food insecurity are receiving needed support with the *Just for Kids* project.

