



Dessert table at the Silent Auction

Helping hands



AJ Rooker and Pete Ahrens

We had a great time celebrating the holiday's at our Silent Auction. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the event.

THANK YOU! to our donors!

3 vacation packages from Todd Bell
Lats Cottage Stay Jennifer Slown at Keller
Williams Infinity
3 Marine Corps Prints donated by VFW Aux
4600

Wine & quilted runners, and assorted items
from Alena Kim (OSL Treasurer)

Mission BBQ gift cards Jordan Holwell
Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House
Lorence's Honey Bee Haven

Samantha Lucko donated assort items for
baskets

Jordan Holwell collected lots of items to add to
our baskets

OSL contributed Moose Dishes, Cardinal
Dishes, lots of items collected at the
warehouse from donations.

Zachariah Ahrens wood ornaments



Veteran's Served:

December 21 veteran's were served out of
OSL

10 families recieved donatations collected
by Diane from Toys 4 Tots between 25 to
35 children.



Who are we?

We are a 501c3 dedicated to providing veterans with household essentials.

We provide for veterans; gently used items such as:

- Furniture
- Small appliances
- Dishes (pots, pans, silverware, bowls, plates, cups.)

Shop with us

Operation Sweet Life is open for business. Part of our process is inviting the community to shop by appointment at our warehouse. We are volunteer based and not always at the warehouse, we recommend you calling ahead.

224-805-1220

We could not do what we do without this community, we are so thankful for your support!



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Mailing Address: 809 Royal Lane West Dundee, IL 60118

Ways to get involved



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CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to sort items at the warehouse. Interested? Contact Diane at 224-805-1220



- The following items are running low in our warehouse; (You can find our wishlist at Walmart under Operation Sweet Life.)
- Manual can openers
- Towels
- Men's body wash
- Men's deodorant
- Small cooking pots with lids & no scratches
- 10" skillets
- Bath Towels



Update from the warehouse;

2025 has been a challenging year for my health. In October I survived the Widow Maker heart attack, and I was doing well on the road to recovery. During the months of November and December I was able to portray the spirit of Santa throughout the Chicagoland area bringing joy and happiness to many children and their families.

But as always life throws us challenges we're not expecting. On December 23rd, I experienced a minor stroke in my right temporal lobe cutting my Santa season a day short. I am currently at St. Joseph Hospital's stroke rehab center learning how move and adjust to the effects of the stroke. The doctors feel I will make a full recovery. However, it will take time and I will need to adjust how I work going forward.

Thank you to everyone for all you have done for Operation Sweet Life. We can not do what we do without you. I personally want to thank all of those who have volunteered in 2025 to move things in and out of the warehouse, donated items and helped through financial donations.

Looking at 2026 we will continue to streamline the warehouse to serve even more veterans than last year. With that in mind, if you know of anyone with strength and endurance, please encourage them to volunteer to help with the warehouse work.

I hope and pray at the completion of rehab I will be able to return to work without any medical restrictions. I thank you in advance for all your prayers and well wishes.

Peter



Pete Ahrens- Warehouse manager as Santa



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