

Making veteran's home sweet homes



Jennifer Buckner, Army Veteran served with our board member Natalie Hart, Combat veteran, VFW volunteer and good friend!

Helping hands

Thank you!



Diane participated and volunteered at the Elgin Strawberry festival, the total donation to OSL is \$1,800.00 Andrew Rooker will be accepting the check at Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday morning at 9:30 on the 13th.

We are so grateful for the support we have received from Bethlehem Lutheran over the years. God Bless.



Huge thank you to the community for participating in our first 50/50 Raffle. We were able to raise \$ 2,140! Don Spence came to pick up his winnings and donated \$500 right back to Sweet Life. Thank you Don and participants for your support! Special thanks to Women Marines of IL2. for your phenomenal support of our 50/50



Becky Ahrens, helping announce the 50/50 winner

Veteran's Served:

We served 20 Veterans in June, Year to Date \$86.272 value of furniture and household goods.

Thanks to the Dundee VFW Auxiliary's annual babyshower held in April, we were able to provide baby items for 2 veteran families having babies soon.



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 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

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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



A Note from Diane:

We have completed 4 years as a nonprofit 501c3, there has been a lot of growth, learning and more to be accomplished. We have been in the warehouse at 1600A Todd Farm Dr in Elgin for 3 years on July 1st. We now receive most of our furniture that we pass on to Veterans through several clean out companies, it is amazing the quality of furniture that is being provided thru families that their parents have passed, they empty the house to get it on the market and OSL benefits with great furniture and household items to pass on. Due to health issues, lack of laborers, funding, we needed to discontinue pickups on our own, occasionally I will pick up a recliner or small item. We welcome you to reach out and drop off also that is a wonderful assistance. 847 494 9949 Pete is our Warehouse manager, and also Santa at Santa's Village and Chicago Santa during Christmas season.

Sweet Life Treasures: we often receive beautiful treasures that don't find their way to a veteran, collectables, artwork, trinkets and great gift ideas. These we display and hope that the community will come in and shop. Shopping here helps support OSL to be able to purchase pop up toasters, silverware, toilet plungers & brushes, alarm clocks, towels, shower curtains, microwaves and the list goes on. These are items we work to have for the veterans when they are moving into their new place in addition to the couches, recliners, dressers and other furniture we receive.

This time of year, we receive a large number of requests for fans, window AC units. Many of our veterans are in units that don't have central air and these appliances make life bearable. In the past 6 months we have served over 85 veterans, in the past 4 years we have provided over \$275,000 worth of furniture and household items to veterans moving into their new places. With our community's help we have made a huge difference, we are honored to be able to receive, store (for a short time) and provide furniture to create our veterans' "Home Sweet Home" Thank you for your support!

Diane and Angie, OSL Secretary, at the VFW Auxiliary Convention. Diane was installed as President of the Department of Illinois VFW Auxiliary on July, 7, 2025. Each year the President gets to work on a special project and she has chosen Operation Sweet Life.



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