

Security Health Plan: Helps veterans with \$1,000 investment in the Wisconsin VFW Unmet Needs Program

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MARSHFIELD - In times of crises, American service men and women leave their families, homes and jobs to protect basic human rights and needs. The Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) ensures veterans' basic needs are met during their times of personal crisis, too.

Security Health Plan is supporting veterans with \$1,000 of funding to the VFW Unmet Needs Program.

The VFW Unmet Needs Program provides grants to active duty service members and recent veterans experiencing hardship due to deployment, a military pay issue, or a military-related illness or injury. The program offers emergency grant funding for housing expenses, utilities and primary phone, vehicle expenses, food and incidentals, children's clothing, diapers, formula, necessary school or childcare expenses, and the patient's portion for necessary or emergency medical care, including prescriptions and eyeglasses. Caseworkers evaluate applications for funding and process applications in 5-20 business days, based on need. The VFW sends grant funds directly to a veteran's creditor.

The VFW began to develop in 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection returned home with medical and financial needs. At the

time, there was no medical care or pension for veterans, so they founded local organizations to fill their unmet needs. Local support efforts eventually merged into national support, and today the VFW and its Auxiliary boast nearly 1.7 million members.

Help meet veteran needs: Join the VFW for its Spring Fling spaghetti dinner on April 29, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., at the Altoona VFW Hall, 1419 Lynn Avenue. Or, come for some breakfast camaraderie on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Every month Security Health Plan donates \$1,000 as part of its Employee-Driven Corporate Giving campaign. Marshfield Clinic Health System employees are encouraged to nominate an organization that is making a positive difference in the community

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