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## Dear Friends of Veterans:

I am writing to make you aware of an opportunity to support Maryland's Veterans. Every year, the VA sponsors the National Golden Age Games, which gives senior Veterans (55 years or older) the opportunity to compete in events such as swimming, cycling, bowling and air rifles. The games demonstrate the value of sports, wellness and fitness in assisting senior Veterans live an active and healthy lifestyle.

The VA Maryland Health Care System is sending a team of 11 Veteran patients to the 2024 Golden Age Games the week of August 24-28, 2024, in Salt Lake City, UT. It will cost approximately \$2,500 to cover the airfare, lodging and other associated expenses for each Veteran patient to attend the games. The total cost to send all 11 Veterans patients to the 2024 Golden Age Games is \$27,500.

Your donation will allow Veteran patients from the VA Maryland Health Care System to attend this important therapeutic national event to engage in friendly competition and physical activities. For our Veteran patients, the Golden Age Games provides a unique opportunity to showcase their skills and abilities, while participating in a national event as part of a team.

Your generous contribution of any amount can be made by check payable to the "VA Maryland Health Care System" and earmarked in the memo section on the lower left side for the "National Games #1050." Credit card donations are also welcome.

Attached is a donation form for you to complete and enclose with your contribution. <u>Under "Organization/Company Name" on the attached form, please indicate how your organization should be listed on the donor website for the games to acknowledge your organization's support. A business reply envelope is enclosed for your convenience.</u>

If you have any questions about making a donation, please contact Brandi Sima, Voluntary Service Specialist for the VA Maryland Health Care System, at 410-642-2411, ext. 25409.

On behalf of our Veteran patients and staff, I thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

R. David Edwards

Chief, Public & Community Relations

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