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VA North Texas Launches Medical Foster Home Program for Veterans

DALLAS –VA North Texas Health Care System (VANTHCS) is pleased to announce the development of the Medical Foster Home program to reach the growing needs of the veteran population. The program offers a safe, long-term home-like environment and an economical housing alternative for veterans who are unable to remain in their own homes because of health issues.

“Many veterans live alone and independently for years through the support of assistive devices and home care services,” said Cathy Cooley, Medical Foster Home Program Coordinator. “Eventually, though, the veteran may decline to the point that it is no longer safe to live alone. Traditionally resolved by nursing home placement, the Medical Foster Home Program offers an alternative to that situation.”

Medical Foster Home finds caregivers in the community who are willing to take a veteran into their home and provide 24-hour supervision as well as needed personal assistance. The expectation is that this is a long-term commitment, where the veteran may live for the remainder of his or her life. The caregivers are paid based upon the level of care needed, ranging from someone with dementia with some dependence in activities of daily living, to someone who is incontinent, bed-bound, and needs to be turned every four hours.

VANTHCS is currently searching for individuals who are interested in becoming future Medical Foster Home caregivers. Criteria for potential caregivers:

- Over the age of 21
- Own or rent a home, and live there with the veteran(s)
- Read, write, and speak English
- Complete a Criminal Background Check (BCI)
- Certified in first aid and CPR, or willing to become certified
- Allow an Interdisciplinary Treatment Team into your home for monthly visits
- Willing to accept, participate in, and follow the veteran’s treatment plan

If you or some one you know is interested in receiving more information about this exciting program, please contact Cathy Cooley, Medical Foster Home Program Coordinator, at (214) 857- 2674.

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