

Ms. Horning,
August 9, 2017

We are honored the Auxiliary of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War selected the National Home to receive your organizations donation. I'm so sorry we are unable to accept the check in person at this weekend's National Encampment in Lansing.

The VFW National Home for Children serves as a living memorial to all veterans by providing children and families of active-duty military, war veterans, and descendants of the VFW and its Auxiliary opportunities for growth and development in a nurturing community.

It was founded in 1925 as a place where the families left behind by war -- mothers and children, brothers and sisters -- could remain together, keeping the family circle intact even when their serviceman didn't come home.

As you know, today's families face different challenges -- reintegration, post-traumatic stress, high unemployment and rehabilitation from battlefield injuries, among others -- and

the National Home has evolved over our decades-long history to meet those changing needs.

The best place to experience what makes the National Home so special is to visit our campus, and I invite each and everyone here to do so. Families find a healing calm in our

tranquil, small-town community. Tree-lined streets connect 42 single-family homes with facilities like our community center, with a gym, library, computer and science labs, our day

care center, playgrounds, fishing pond, hiking trails and more. We are honored to have helped families from every state in the country.

In closing, I'd like to share a video story from a Post 9-11 veteran family that the National

Home recently had the honor of serving. (Hoskins Youtube link sent in a separate email)

Again, on behalf of all of us at the VFW National Home for Children, thank you so much for

this opportunity to share the story of the National Home with you today, and thank you for

your support.

Sincerely,

Sue Alverson

Development Director