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DATE: 10 April 2019

TO: Regional Council Presidents and BIG Members

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FROM: Honorable Dr. Doris P. Sartor, National President

SUBJECT: Military Veterans Emphasis Program (MVEP) & Team: Darlene Young Leadership Academy (DYLA) Visionaries - "BIG GiveBack To Veterans Campaign"

The National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), Military Veterans Emphasis Program (MVEP) Chair, Dr. Candace SP Williams, in partnership with Team DYLA Visionaries Coordinator, Ms. Fawntrella (Fawn) Thompson, is collecting items to support its "**BIG GiveBack To Veterans Campaign.**" The goal is to collect essential items (see attachment) for men and women veterans. We need your help with this campaign!

All donations, to include gift certificates/cards, received will be utilized to benefit veterans. The items will be donated to the Veterans Administration (VA) North Texas Health Care System's, Dallas VA Medical Center Volunteer Services, in Dallas Texas at BIG's 41st Annual National Training Institute (NTI) during the week of August 5-8, 2019.

Please mail or **deliver your items by July 1, 2019** to: the National Office of BIG – MVEP Campaign, Dr. Candace SP Williams, 3005 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20001; or you may **bring your items to the NTI in Dallas, Texas and provide them to Dr. Williams or Ms. Thompson by August 5, 2019.** We thank you in advance for your support of this great endeavor!

Also, remember that your donation is tax- deductible!

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding MVEP, please feel free to contact Dr. Williams at (703) 499-3674 and/or via email: Candacespjohanson@yahoo.com and/or Ms. Sheila Stevens, MVEP Community Outreach Chair, at (757) 472-3834 and/or via email: sheilastevens2005@yahoo.com.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding DYLA Visionaries, please feel free to contact Ms. Fawntrella (Fawn) Thompson, DYLA Visionaries Coordinator, at (419) 215-8925 and/or via email: fawntrellawillis@aol.com.

ATTACHMENT

**The National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG)
GiveBack To Veterans Campaign Donation Request**

**Military Veterans Emphasis Program (MVEP)
- In partnership with -
Team Darlene Young Leadership Academy (DYLA) Visionaries**

The BIG GiveBack To Veterans Campaign will distribute all collected hygiene products to male and female veterans via the Dallas VA Medical Center's Volunteer Services, in addition to mugs, tumblers, journals or notebooks, pens/pencils, game books (crossword puzzles, word search books, etc.), small American flags, non-perishable food items (peanut butter crackers, granola/nutria-grain bars), Kleenex, travel size toiletry items, lip balm, new undergarments (t-shirts, socks, underwear), blouses/shirts, gloves, coats, hats, and gift certificates/cards.

We encourage donation drive organizers/volunteers to personalize items by adding note cards containing inspirational quotes; however, we ask that you refrain from including personal contact information.

THANK YOU FOR THINKING BIG!