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# News Release

## **Detroit VA Medical Center to Host 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Baby Shower for Women Veterans**

*Hospital teams with volunteer organizations to recognize needs of  
Military moms-to-be and Veterans*

*(September 12, 2012, Detroit)* Giving birth to a baby is one of the happiest moments in any woman's life. But, for our female Veterans and women in the military, there are so many factors that can contribute to additional stress and issues.

The Detroit VA Medical Center, along with several Veteran organizations will provide these ladies and their soon-to-be little ones with some much needed items, while helping them enjoy an afternoon of fun! The idea of a giant baby shower at the medical center was conceived by several staff members.

"The baby shower is our way of showing appreciation for the sacrifices these Veterans have made, and to say thank you for their service to our country," said Brenda Finney, Women Veterans Program Manager, Detroit VA Medical Center. "This is our second year of holding a baby shower. Last year was a wonderful success and we are looking forward to another great event!"

Donations of baby items, from bottles to bibs, bouncy seats to blankets, have been pouring in. Volunteers are assembling 'baskets of joy' for the expectant Moms. The event is open and free to new Moms who have delivered since January 1, 2012 and expectant Moms currently enrolled for care at the Detroit VA Medical Center.

“This is also a chance for us to make sure female Veterans are aware of the benefits and services which they are entitled to,” said Finney. “We have full gynecological care available to our Detroit-area female Veterans.”

The event will take place on **September 21, 2012, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room B1290** of the medical center. Donations are still being accepted by the medical center’s Voluntary Services unit. Only new items can be accepted, including diapers, formula, breast pumps, strollers, car seats, and many more. For information on how to donate items or to volunteer for the event, call 313-576-3332.

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*About the Detroit VA Medical Center: Since 1939, the Detroit VAMC has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. In 1996, the medical center moved from Allen Park, Michigan to the current location in Detroit. The John D. Dingell VAMC located in Detroit, Michigan is one of the newest VA facilities in the country. We consider it our privilege to serve the health care needs of our Veterans. Services are available to more than 330,000 Veterans living in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. This population represents approximately forty-four percent of the Veteran population in the lower peninsula of Michigan. For more information, visit <http://www.detroit.va.gov>.*