## **THE JDF FOOTPRINTS NEWSLETER**

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Promoting foot health and healthy lifestyles for the underserved.



## **Celebrating Newport News & Vets**

The JDF has been sponsoring Community Giveaways since October 2020. Our August 2022 Newport News, VA Community Giveaway was a special affair in multiple ways. The JDF partnered with the African American Historical Society of Newport News (AAHSNN). Together we celebrated World War II, Korean, Vietnam era and Desert Storm veterans with a ceremony that included a military honor guard, participation from local dignitaries and music. All of the event speakers thanked the veterans in attendance for their service and gave an overdue heartfelt 'Welcome Home' to Vietnam veterans. The location for this event was special because my husband grew up in Newport News so we jumped at the chance to give back to that community. After the ceremony a dozen local groups offered free goods and services to vets and those in need.





The JDF promotes foot health and healthy lifestyles for the underserved so we brought enough free goods to fill half of the King-Lincoln Park tennis court. Attendees picked up new socks, shoes, clothes, school supplies, baby goods, toys, beds, bedding, kitchenware, bathroom goods, bikes, scooters, cleaners, personal products and a wide assortment of household goods. Parents and children streamed through the tennis court loading up bags, carts, boxes, strollers and their arms with goods they needed. This was the last JDF giveaway for 2022 so it was great to celebrate Newport News vets and help this community in need before kids returned to school. We saws lots of smiles and no one



## went home empty-handed. Written by C. Jenkins

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