

## Red Cliff Community Health Center Veteran's Medical Transit

The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Red Cliff Community Health Center was awarded a 2018 Ford Transit Van from the Wounded Warriors Family Support organization. The van was unveiled to Veteran's and community members at the Red Cliff Veteran's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice Day Celebration which took place at the Legendary Waters Resort and Casino on November 11, 2018.

Wounded Warriors Family Support is a national organization that supports and advocates for our nation's Veterans wounded warriors. Wounded Warriors Family Support has donated many vehicles nation-wide to other tribal veteran-related programs.

The mission of Wounded Warriors Family Support Organization ([www.wwfs.org](http://www.wwfs.org)) is to provide support to the families of those who have been wounded, injured or killed during combat operations. The families of our casualties suffer in many ways: some financially, some psychologically.

*"When America Goes to War... Our Families Go to War"*

The Wounded Warriors Family Support Organization hopes with the donation it has boosted the staff's energy and refreshed the morale and enhanced sense of mission to serve and support our Veterans who have served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces. Most Importantly to serve our Veterans who have returned home with disabilities, PTSD and other medical issues as the result of combat.

The new Veterans Medical Transit will provide free transportation for Veterans with caregiver to medical appointments. Some of the medical destinations may be from their home to the Red Cliff Community Health Center or from their home to VA medical facilities such as Twin Ports, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Madison or even Iron Mountain. All registered Red Cliff Community Health Center Veteran patients may take advantage of this service.

The 2018 Ford Transit is a rear-wheel drive, 7 passenger vehicle with a 2-wheelchair lock down, for those who may be wheelchair bound and a rear lift gate strong enough to even handle a motorized wheel chair.

Special thank you must go to Benna Ford of Superior, WI (Sale of vehicle); Cumming's Mobility, Little Canada, MN (wheelchair lift) and Elite Tinting and Graphics, Duluth, MN (Red Cliff Community Health Center Graphics).

The hope of the Red Cliff Community Health Center's Veteran Medical Transit is to assist those veterans needing assistance with transportation to and from their medical appointments. If there are any questions regarding the Veteran Medical Transit please contact Barb Gordon, Medical Benefits Specialist at the Red Cliff Community Health Center, 715-779-3707 x 2238.

For those who have served and those serving our U.S. Armed Forces presently we

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.***



Barb Gordon, Red Cliff Community Health Center, Medical Benefits Specialist presents new Veterans Medical Transit Van to Veterans and Red Cliff Community.



New Veterans Medical Transit Van





Red Cliff Tribal Chairman, Richard “Rick” Peterson and Red Cliff VFW Post 8239 Adjunct receives keys from Barb Gordon, Medical Benefits Specialist.



From left to right: Duane Soulier Memorial VFW Post 8239 members and presenter. Mike Peterson, David Curran, Ken Smith, Rick Peterson, Barb Gordon, Richard DePerry, Joe Grant and AJ Long.



Veterans Medical Transit Van accommodates 7 passengers, 1 driver



Veterans Medical Transit Van accommodates 2 wheelchairs, or 1 motorized wheelchair