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Deputies help family of disabled veteran

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OAK PARK — The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is bringing attention to helping veterans after adopting a local disabled veteran's family.

On Thursday, an Oakland County Sheriff's van pulled up, loaded with presents and a variety of donations from deputies to assist the family.

The veteran is a 26-year-old married father of two boys. He is unemployed because of physical limitations from combat.

The family asked that they not be identified.

The veteran, an Oak Park resident, had enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age 19 in 2004.

He was discharged in 2009 with a traumatic brain injury and suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder after serving two tours of duty in Iraq.

Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard said there was no better effort for the sheriff's office than to adopt the family.

The donations from the sheriff's office included gifts for the man's two sons, gift cards and cash.

"Who can't love the vets?" Bouchard said. "They give us everything we have in this country."

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