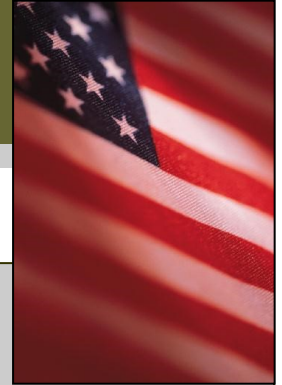


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Soldiers currently serving:

K Schick *in Kuwait*
C Campbell *SW Asia*
D McCarey *in Afghanistan*
M Ciesielski *in Iraq*
B Brandt *in Kuwait*
I Peterman *in Afghanistan*
T Rice *in Italy*
K Smith *in Kuwait*
J Giordani *in S. Korea*
F Carter *in Kuwait*
L Haas *in Afghanistan*
M Pham-Ninalaya *in Kuwait*
E Sims *in Turkey*
J Cobb *in Bahrain*
Y Izak *(undisclosed)*
H Morgan *in Iraq*
B Rowley *in Kuwait*
J Retzloff *(undisclosed)*
J Dobbs *in Kuwait*
J Adams *in Kuwait*
A Alongi *FPO*
J Mitrano *in Iraq*

Do you know of a deployed Soldier?
Would he/she like to receive Care Packages?
Let us know at fbc.hingham@verizon.net



Cumulative Stats

55,500 lbs. of donations shipped since 2005.

\$83,000 raised from donations since 2007.

230 Point Leaders since 2005 (some serving multiple times). Each Point Leader has a unit averaging from 6 to 500 Soldiers.



Latest current cost to mail
one Flat Rate Priority Mail
package to a
Soldier is **\$16.80**

Great Notes From Our Point Leaders:

★ I've received your Care Packages and truly appreciate all your support. It was very overwhelming in an amazing way. All the items received were handed out among my co-workers. This definitely uplifted our spirits, especially during this tough times/holidays. Thank you for taking the time sending this and for ensuring we are supported back home. — M Pham-Ninalaya

★ I am a deployed service member from Fort Hood, Texas. We received one of your Care Packages. I wanted to say thank you!!! We especially loved the handmade cards from some of the kids. Specifically from Keira, Taylor, and Olivia. They were beautiful and heartfelt...very much appreciated! Please tell them how much we loved their cards and thank them for being so selfless for people they don't know. God Bless you all! — C Mancill

★ Hello my friends, thanks so much for the opportunity to reach out to you. It means the world to us that good people in this world care a great deal about the military members of our great nation. Thank you! As a Civil Affairs team, we have a unique mission set here which causes us to be out on the water a lot, away from port and while on those missions, we are susceptible to running short on supplies often. Again, thank you so much and God bless. Any help at all is appreciated. Take care. — J Cobb

★ I am a Platoon Sergeant for an Engineer platoon station at a small base without a lot of amenities. We are staying in an open bay building in cramped conditions. Most of my soldiers are younger and range in ages of 18 to 25 with a few older than that. We have 220 electricity and also have 110 converters. We do have a refrigerator in our bay. There is a very small PX on base that doesn't have a whole lot. Things that I know could come in use for my soldiers are laundry detergents, socks (black or white work socks), most hygiene items. Bottled water is all we drink so flavored drink packages are good things to always have. And what young soldiers don't like snacks and candy and jerky! I know my guys would appreciate anything sent. Thanks in advance. — M Ciesielski

★ Hello, I am the Religious Affairs NCO (formerly know as the Chaplains Assistant) for the 194th Engineer Brigade from the Tennessee Army National Guard. I represent approximately 175 soldiers in our direct unit but we support approx. 2000 soldiers under our command. Our soldiers do not have the ability to cook their own food. Some do have microwaves. The electricity here is 220. We have a PX here but the converters can get rather costly and rare due to everyone needing multiples of them. Soldiers buy a lot of socks. Solid color black ankle socks is preferred by soldiers. Soldiers love coming into the chaplains office and digging in the "goodie" box for snacks. Girl Scout cookies and of course chocolate are among the soldiers favorites, but many enjoy healthy snacks as well such as almonds, protein snacks, etc. — J Dobbs

★ Greetings from the 386th ECES, We've received your Care Packages and truly appreciate all your support. All the items that we received are handed out daily to our troops. It gives our troops a sense of esprit de corps. Our spirits are lifted every day knowing we have the support of such kind-hearted people back home. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to send these items and for ensuring that we know we are supported. — B Rowley

PLEASE HELP US

If you are receiving this newsletter by USPS mail, we need your help. It's easy. We need to cut our budget costs so that every cent goes to shipping Care Packages. Saving the expense of stamps definitely helps.

If you have an email address, could you PLEASE supply us with it
at fbc.hingham@verizon.net.

Your enjoyment of our newsletters will be enhanced as well because you will see all pages in color and crispness.

We sincerely thank you.

A little girl makes a **huge** impact

A thoughtful 8 year old girl joined her younger sister and fellow Scout members to pack 217 Care Packages of Halloween candy donations to be sent to welcoming Soldiers in the Middle East. It amounted to 2450 lbs. of sweets. That would have certainly been an afternoon of achievement in itself but Avery Amonte started thinking. For days she wrestled with the idea of helping to raise postage to mail the boxes she and her friends just completed. With a Care Package at the time costing \$18.45, she realized that the total expense would be \$4000+ for shipping. She analyzed the entire process from her boxes to the arms of our deployed Soldiers. And then she came up with her idea.... which is one of the most successful this outreach has ever seen:



Avery's Hot Chocolate Stand

On a very cold, snowy December 12, Avery set up her stand in Hingham Square. The hot chocolate was free but she encouraged postage donations for our Soldiers. At the time of this printing she raised \$3387. **Yes, \$3387 !!** She had to make two separate presentations of her donations at the First Baptist Church of Hingham since the money kept coming in, and she received a standing ovation, hugs, handshakes, and lots of photos during the services. Thanks to Avery, all Halloween Care Packages were mailed.



(Above: Avery at her stand with Keith Jermyn, Hingham Director of Veterans Affairs.)

Thank you so much Avery!





**Thank
you to
Pinehills
...once
again**

On November 12, Carole Ellis and her team (Catherine Walton, Karen Baker, Boni Witkowski, and her granddaughter Neve O'Donnell) delivered 3 carloads of supplies from the Pinehills communities celebrating Veteran's Day. You can see by these pictures that the donations were staggering.

Many thanks Pinehills!



Great News.....

**2450 lbs. of Halloween candy.
217 boxes filled.**

**Many wonderful deliveries have
been received to provide our
deployed Soldiers with some
memories and support from home.**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
on such a tremendous success!**



Thank you to St. Paul's School

On October 14, St. Paul's Fall 5K & Fun Run was held in beautiful weather. Our Soldiers Care Package Outreach was blessed to be one of the donation promotions during this event (left). Afterwards the supply donations were delivered to our workroom (below) and work began for shipping.



Heather Bastardi delivered a mega-load of Halloween candy from East School. (above)

Donations from Foster School arrived in a police car, delivered by Jen Newell (Assistant Principal) and Officer John Walden.



Thank you!

Hingham's Boy and Girl Scouts did a spectacular job!

2450 lbs. of Halloween candy arrived this year at the First Baptist Church from surrounding schools, businesses, and individuals, filling 217 Care Package boxes. It was a momentous effort to pack it all but our Scouts were up to the task. On November 14 the youth in these pictures gathered and had the job efficiently done in 2 hours! What a gift of community service. And yes, they did sneak (with approval) a few bites of candy. They deserved it.



Thank you



THANK You ALSO To....

For mega loads of cards and supplies (especially Halloween candy) from:

The Toy Box of Hanover
Norwell Pediatric Dentistry
East School
St. Paul's School
Foster School
Unquity House in Milton
Derby Academy
Sunrise at Plymouth Beach
Hingham Middle School
Old Colony Montessori School
LuxeSmile Dentistry
Linden Ponds
Holy Family Parish
Pilgrim Church of Duxbury
First Baptist Church of Hanson
Abington First Baptist Church
Cell Phones for Soldiers
Hingham Girl Scouts
Hingham Boy Scouts
Avon Baptist Church



Eve from the Toy Box delivers TWO truck loads of supplies.

Financial donations were gratefully accepted from:

Hingham Recreation Department
Hingham Department of Veteran's Services
William R. Cutler VFW Post #6053
American Legion Riders Chapter 118
Linden Ponds Veterans Association

WOW!

PLEASE HELP US

As you could see within this newsletter, supplies have been plentiful at this time of year. That is a blessing. But we also need funds to mail these supplies to our Soldiers.

Any financial donations will be gratefully accepted and used only to benefit our deployed troops.

Current Donation Requests:

Needed items requested by our Soldiers: Peanut butter, nuts, Beef Jerkies, protein bars, cans of fruit (small with pop-tops), feminine needs, hand sanitizer, IcyHot patches, wet wipes.



All donations are mailed in a timely manner.

For other supply suggestions go to: http://www.SoldiersCarePackages.com/html/needed_items.html

NOTES:

The First Baptist Church will pack and ship items for you. Donations may be brought to FBC where you will find for your convenience a 24/7 brown donation chest under a drop-off sign in the parking lot on the right side of the church. FBC is in Hingham Square on the corner of Elm and Main Street, 2 doors up from Loring Theater.

Our "Point Leaders" are Soldiers who receive our Care Packages. They distribute donated items to their units, focusing on the greatest need. We have had units as small as 3 and as large as 500.

For those who prefer to send a financial contribution, it will be gratefully accepted. Please make a check out to First Baptist Church Hingham and note "Care Packages" on the memo line. Mail to First Baptist Church, 85 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043. In addition, you can go to our website and use PayPal.

