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# **Cumulative Stats**

30,500 lbs. of donations have been shipped since 2005.

\$35,000 raised from community donations since 2007.

110 Point Leaders since 2005 (some serving multiple times).

We have reached a record number of Point Leaders who we are now serving:

24

Rejoice that the following Point Leaders have returned home to the US safely:

Steve Wagner from Kuwait

Jonathan Canniff from Australia

### **Recent emails from our Point Leaders:**

- Some of the Soldiers/Marines/Airmen/Sailors are in tents and many in barracks. The biggest things that service members would appreciate over here are things like AT&T calling cards, laundry detergents, personal hygiene items (for both male and female).... Some Soldiers over here that are jr. enlisted are still trying to support families at home and are limited on purchases over here. The PX is limited, but has some sufficient items; however, it is still an additional cost. Receiving snack items such as beef jerky and pre-packaged items is a spirit-lifter.... Whatever each person is able to do to bless someone and help them get their spirits lifted while away from home is always a help. May you each be blessed for your support! J. Anderson
- ★ Hi, my name is SSG Joseph Duncan with the DPW team down in Kuwait. I have been here for about one month now. It gets pretty hot here in the summer and pretty cold in the winter so any cold weather clothing would be nice, seeing that we are coming in to the winter months.... We love playing video games, and board games....We would love to have snacks: chips, candy, crackers, drink packages etc. We are not too picky about what we receive, we appreciate everything that you all do for the troops and anything that you send will be much appreciated. THANK YOU sooo much for all the love that you show us. Without you all, some Soldiers would not even receive any packages, and to those Soldiers, it means the world to know that there are people out there that care so much for the troops!!! . J. Duncan
- May all the care and kindness you give so freely to others come back to warm your heart. Thank you for the gifts and support. We have received lots of boxes from you. My soldiers appreciate all the love and support you are giving. *P.S.* We are in need of white ankle socks for male and female if possible. Also we have a microwave if you can find items for that. As always, thank you so much. *C. Faulk*
- 🜟 We are a logistics squadron so our folks work day and night shifts both out and in doors. It is very dirty and dusty here so we clean a lot. We hide things in tupperware to keep them clean. Travel mugs would help keeps dust out. We try to build morale by having theme movie or board game nights but our supplies are limited. Any group games/activities for morale nights would be fun. We have a lot of young airmen that live on junk food, but our senior personnel enjoy healthier options. Food wise any snacks like graham crackers, flavored crackers, lorna doone 100 calorie cookies, kebbler soft batch cookies we can microwave, powdered drink mixes, mandarin orange cups, chip dips, chips, pickles, flavored teas or anything with caffeine seems to help. Dried nuts, trail mix, turkey jerky are good sources of quick protein. Anything that is non perishable in transit and can be microwaved for dinnertime our folks would love. Chicken or tuna packs to go with crackers, almond butter, peanut butter are good with crackers too. Chow hall food is very bland in flavor and gets repetitive really quick. Anything that would remind us of America would be really sweet.... SOFT toilet paper would be a hot item here. We wash our faces and feet a lot here so soap meant for your face, foot powder and moisturizers for the females don't last long.... Any type of scented febreeze would also be welcomed.... We plan quarterly morale bbqs so any no perishables would be good. We find it is the little touches of home that makes our folks smile the most, anything sent with love in your heart will be warmly accepted. (Editorial Note: Items must fit inside 12x12x6" boxes. Glass bottles should be avoided.) — M. GreyTheriot
- ★ We live in a place that is 4 miles wide and the PX is overpriced. \$21.50 for a box of laundry soap. It is too expensive for my junior soldiers and all I want to do is just give them a little morale for all the hard work that they do for the US Army. J. Magee
- ★ The living conditions are tolerable. We have to ask the locals for small things to live more comfortably. The laundry service is that of only a couple of washers that break often. It would be nice to have some snacks. Healthy snacks of course like dried fruit, whole grain bars, granola, etc. Some packaged items like tuna in cans or pouches also help when there is mission and no time to eat at the chow hall. Drink mixes would also be nice since we drink lots of water which can get plain after a while. Hygiene products like razors, deodorant, baby power, foot powder, and baby wipes would be great. We have very few microwaves and refrigerators amongst all sites. I am representing my platoon and a few other fellow soldiers who I interact with at remote sites along with base camp. A. Maltos

#### Thank You for

## Halloween Candy to Troops...

Enthusiastic community support ensured that our US Soldiers in the Middle East had yummy Halloween treats. Many families, schools, businesses, and Scout troops contributed excess candy to our Care Package Outreach. Bags and boxes of candy were collected in the FBC office and then packed and shipped to Point Leaders who distributed the candy to their units and even local children in Iraq, Kuwait, Somalia, and Afghanistan.

# We sent out a total of 111 boxes, totaling 1600 lbs of candy.

FBC appreciates everyone's support as do our Soldiers half way around the world. Some of you we thanked face to face. And some of you placed donations inside our Donation Trunk on our porch when we weren't here.

We want to THANK EVERYONE, whether we greeted you in person or not.



Packages of Halloween candy (*below*) lined both sides of our entry hall.

We could not get them all in the photo!

1600+ lbs. of candy

And it still keeps pouring in!







### **2014 Military Mail Holiday Mailing Dates**

The holidays are just around the corner. If you are shipping Care Packages to deployed soldiers, you need to get your mind "in the groove" right now. The US Postal Service has issued the following guidelines to ensure that your gifts get to overseas military locations by Dec. 25.

#### **Military Installations in Afghanistan (APO/FPO/DPO AE)**

The Post Office will accept mail going to troops in Afghanistan as late as December 3 this year. Unfortunately, Express Mail is not a mailing option this year. Deadlines for shipment are as follows:

- Standard Post November 12
- Space Available Mail November 26
- Parcel Airlift Mail December 3
- Priority Mail December 10
- First Class Mail December 17

#### **Zip 093**

Please note that December 3 is the deadline for ALL mail going to zip 093, regardless of the mail service you are selecting. There is also no Express Mail Service offered to this zip code.

#### Other Overseas Military Installations (APO/FPO/DPO AE)

If you have a loved stationed on an installation elsewhere around, the following deadlines apply to you:

- Parcel Post November 13
- Space Available Mail November 26
- Parcel Airlift Mail December 3
- Priority Mail December 10
- First Class Mail December 10
- Express Mail December 17

#### Hanukkah

To get your Care Packages to overseas military location in time for the start of Hanukkah on Dec. 16, subtract nine days from the deadlines above.



## Pinehills does it again.....



Two car loads of 655 lbs of Soldier supplies and over \$500 in cash were delivered to the FBC office from a Veterans Day donation campaign at Pinehills Residential Communities in Plymouth. Carole Ellis (in front, left) is the driving force behind the wonderful outreach project. She spearheads two campaigns a year in the Pinehills neighborhoods. Lorraine and Charlie Carroll (at left) also have a big hand in the delivery of items. A total of 79 Care Packages were shipped immediately to our deployed Point Leaders for distribution.

THANK YOU CAROLE

We also want to thank all of you wonderful people who donated **financial contributions** to our Care Package Outreach. It is equally important to have funds with which to ship Packages. Many of you are faithful and generous and we are very

grateful

#### **Current Donation Requests:**

Protein bars, cans of fruit (small), baby wipes, hand sanitizer, air fresheners, Icy Hot patches.

All donations are sent immediately.

For other 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 the FBC Office in the building to the right of the church. There will be a donation box on the porch. 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 and always have a connection with Hingham. They distribute donated items to their unit, focusing on the greatest need.

For those who prefer to send a financial contribution toward postage instead of shopping for items, it will be gratefully accepted. Please make a check out to First Baptist Church Benevolence Account and note "Care Packages Postage" on the memo line. Mail to 85 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043.





