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Millie L. GreyTheriot *in Afghanistan*
Karen M. Nichols *in Kuwait*
Salvador Coronel *in Afghanistan*
Walter P. McCall *in Kuwait*
Joseph Duncan *in Kuwait*
Robert Randall *in Egypt*
John W. Beal *on USCG Kodiak Island*
Robert M. Pollard *in Iraq*
Alex Peterman *in Kosovo*
Anna S. Craig *in Qatar*
Nick Toberer *in HI*
Courtney Austin *in Pacific Armed Forces*
Tevin Lietz *in Pacific Armed Forces*
Yvonne Rios *in Kuwait*
Jonathan W. Anderson *in Kuwait*
Keith Jermyn *in Djibouti*
Erica Meredith *in Pacific Armed Forces*
Marta Houser *in Pacific Armed Forces*
Sabrina Cooley *in Pacific Armed Forces*
Shanard Wade *in Pacific Armed Forces*
Luis Garcia *in Saudi Arabia* 



Cumulative Stats

32,220 lbs. of donations have been shipped since 2005.

\$36,500 raised from community donations since 2007.

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

We are now serving:

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

Curtis Sloan *in Iraq*
Jonathan Magee *in Egypt*
James Wilcox *in Afghanistan*
Adam G. Maltos *in Egypt*

Recent emails from our Point Leaders:

★ Thank you being a part of supporting the thousands of Soldiers that have passed through my area for the past several weeks.... My words alone cannot convey the difference you have made during the Holiday season and hope we can continue this relationship moving forward. I will continue to keep you informed of the impact that you have made. — *Cpt W. McCall*

★ WOW!!! That's all I can say after viewing your Soldiers Care Packages website. You have an absolutely tremendous ministry. I appreciated getting this package for our Soldiers here and we are more than happy to receive more. It is my goal to be a blessing to as many Soldiers as I can, especially those who don't receive mail or don't receive much mail. I have an effective footprint of anywhere between 8,000-10,000 uniformed military.... Soldiers always love to get things. Big things here would be things such as the snack foods: nuts, tuna/cracker packs, jerky, trail mixes, and things that may be available at a PX but especially the JR enlisted may not be able to afford nearly as easy. Feel free to send as much as you want.... As you may be able to see by my signature block, I am a Chaplain (Baptist even). Much like your ministry, I believe that the care packages are a visible and tangible thing that open doors to provide the spiritual/emotional/religious support that Service Members need.

God Bless you and your ministry and we look forward to partnering with you in meeting the needs of our Soldiers. — *Cpt J. Anderson*

★ My troops are in your debt for what we received; that helps ease the burden here. Little comforts from home mean more than you'll ever know. We are ALL, each of us, blessed by your giving generosity. Give my love and well-wishes to ALL involved in your continued mission of kindness !!! — *CEC(SCW) K. Jermyn*

★ We are human resources specialist in my section, so we do paperwork all day and all night. I never knew how hard it was being a 42A until I came on this deployment. We have very long days and nights.... US females live in buildings for safety purposes, but males live in tents. There are 50-man tents so they have no privacy but they make do. We have electricity but no means to cook, but we have a great defac. Our PX does not offer that much. Anything to remind us of home or connect us to the world back home would really be great. Thank you for your support. — *Sgt K. Nichols*

★ We are a medical unit running a hospital for all US forces in Kosovo. We have all come from different units to make one during this mission. We operate 24 hours a day. Personal hygiene products for both male and females are always welcomed. Snacks or candy are a go to for patients when they come in. Books, magazines or movies for the break rooms and patient waiting areas and downtime are always nice. Thank you for all your support. — *SSG A. Peterman*

★ Our current living conditions are that we live in bays (hard buildings that open and rooms are made by hanging blankets and putting wall lockers together. We live anywhere from 15 to 60 Soldiers in one bay. Our electricity is mostly 220. We don't have capabilities to cook in our rooms but there is a microwave we can use. Our troops would love healthy snacks, hygiene products, notes, inspirational and spiritual readings. — *Sgt. Yvonne Rios*

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More emails and cards from our Point Leaders:

★ Just had the privilege of opening your Care Packages ... AWESOME THANKS!!! We are US Navy Seabees stationed at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa. Our mission here is simple: to protect and defend the national security interests of the United States from violent extremist organizations and other potential threats in East Africa and to create a secure environment that promotes stability, good governance, and continued development. Currently we are tasked with base construction, expanding our camp to accommodate Troops well into the next few decades. Conditions here are moderate; temperatures here range from 110-120 F with sandstorms daily. We are proud to serve our Nation, especially knowing that people appreciate our efforts and the sacrifices we (including our families) make on a daily basis.

Keep up the work — God Bless America!! — *CEC(SCW) K. Jermyn*

★ Thank you for your continued support. We really appreciate all you have done for us.
— *Sgt Y. Rios*

★ Thank you for the Care Packages. I cannot express with words alone the added value you have brought to our team at the Theater Gateway. I hope we can continue this relationship moving forward. God Bless you all. — *Cpt W. McCall (Chaplain)*

★ The Gateway Religious Support Team cannot thank you enough for your support. Your Care Packages brought smiles to Soldiers who work long hard hours. Once again thank you!
— *SPC Maisonet*

★ Happy New Year 2015 from Baghdad, Iraq! The 1st Infantry Division and the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command (CJFLCC-I), Iraq, thank you for your contributions and gifts to the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Civilians currently stationed in Iraq. We are working with our Coalition partners from around the world to make Iraq a safer place for generations to come. Your gifts blessed us this Holiday Season and brought us a taste of home, reminding us that the American people are behind us 100%. We took the Care Packages, cards, stockings and other gifts, combined them together, and made gifts for everyone. By doing this, we were able to distribute the “Christmas goodie bags” and stockings all throughout Iraq, ensuring that all Service Members received something from home. **One Soldier even remarked that this was the only mail and gift he received this year.** THANK YOU for making that possible and for being a blessing to so many.

During the last few weeks we geared up for the Holidays and the New Year. We all agreed that being in Iraq is not the same as being back Home. During these tough times, we rely on each other for encouragement and support. And the Christmas gifts, letters, and packages you sent helped put a smile on each face and reminds us that you remember and recognize our service and sacrifice.

— *SFC R. Pollard*

We must never forget who gets the credit
for the freedoms we have,
of which we should be eternally grateful.

Hingham Middle School Donates....

The 7th Grade Team Parrotfish of Hingham Middle School collected a huge supply of Care Package items for our troops during March and April. On April 10, teacher Gretchen Amonte delivered the donations and these contributions were mailed immediately to our needy Soldiers in Afghanistan, Somalia, Qatar, Kuwait, and Iraq. Other teachers involved in this project were Kaitlin McDougall, Kellie Coughlin, and Jullian Rowley.



Delivery by Gretchen Amonte and her two adorable daughters.

We are proud of all of you!

There are many people, organizations, and schools who have donated some marvelous contributions to our Care Packages. 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.



**BLESS EVERY ONE
OF YOU.
YOU ARE DOING A
GREAT JOB!**

PLANTING A SEED

Thinking about a Memorial Day party? Cookout?

It's only a few weeks away. So in theme with the holiday, how about asking your guests to bring a Care Package donation?

Send them to www.SoldiersCarePackages.com/html/needed_items.html for a full list of item suggestions.

What a wonderful and effortless thing to do for our current troops as well as remembering the men and women who died while serving in the US Armed Forces.

And if Memorial Day is approaching too fast for your plans, what about a July 4 celebration with a Care Package theme?

And what about birthday parties to benefit our Troops?

It all started with 6 year old Charlie Goebel. Instead of receiving presents for himself at his birthday party, he requested gifts for Soldiers. Word got around. It's become a popular idea. You can do it too!!

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.

