



OPERATION GRATITUDE

Sending Care Packages to U.S. Military

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Dear Friend,

On behalf of OPERATION GRATITUDE and the U.S. troops deployed overseas who will benefit from your kindness, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity.

Your donation of 22 cards/letters & 102 lbs of candy enabled us to send our **500,000th Care Package on December 19th** plus an additional **100,000 'chock full' Operation Gratitude Care Packages** to the brave men and women deployed overseas in 2009! The care packages contain snacks, toiletries, entertainment items and letters from caring students and adults. Receipt of such demonstrations of love and concern from the homeland offers our troops a much-deserved respite from the hardships of service, and is always greeted with enthusiasm and great appreciation.

As one Private First Class wrote:

"I cannot express to you how great it feels to come home after a long day of running missions to find a care package full of love sitting on your bunk. You are exhausted from wearing 50 plus pounds of armor for hours on end, then you open the package, see all that love, and are rejuvenated and ready to face the world again. It may sound small but it really does help enormously. Our location doesn't have a real PX so we rely on the support of people at Operation Gratitude for the items we need--not to mention the morale boosting items such as cookies or candy. You all are the true heroes. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Enclosed are several of our new Operation Gratitude '10 Easy Ways to Help' cards. Please help us spread our word by sharing them with your friends and family!

Operation Gratitude has been granted non-profit status under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Your contribution to this organization is fully deductible in accordance with applicable law for federal income tax purposes as no goods or services were provided in exchange. Operation Gratitude welcomes donations of all products in furtherance of its mission to support our Military. We reserve the right to determine the appropriate use of each donated item, including but not limited to inclusion in our care packages, donation to Military bases or other charities, and/or for fundraising or volunteer appreciation purposes.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and wonderful patriotic spirit - every donation we receive truly makes a difference to our mission of putting smiles on service members' faces. The brave members of the U.S. Military who receive your generosity will remember your kindness forever. And I will always be appreciative of your support and encouragement for OPERATION GRATITUDE.

Fondly,



Carolyn Blashek
President

p.s. If you have not already done so and would like to join our E-mailing list to receive updates on Operation Gratitude's progress and troops' letters, please send an email to: cblashek@aol.com. Thank you.