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 Give2TheTroops, Inc. Newsletter (Feb. 2005 Issue)  
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Dear Andi,

Thank you for supporting our troops and our Mission of **GIVING BACK TO THOSE WHO GIVE ALL!**

MEET HELYN DE SENA, DIRECTOR of ARIZONA BRANCH!
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**We have a new Branch on the west coast!** Please welcome one of our newest Branch Directors, **Helyn De Sena**, the Arizona Branch Director. Helyn lives in Flagstaff, AZ, and is an Active Duty Sergeant in the Arizona National Guard! Helyn has already spearheaded donation drives for us at her National Guard Base (Camp Navajo) and shipped the donations to the CT Headquarters. Helyn will continue to run donations drives, but will now send them directly from her base to our GIVE2THETROOPS contacts. She will also be rounding up help from fellow troops! Please welcome her to our growing family.

Helyn's background and bio are on our Website's Board of Directors page. If you need to reach Helyn, her email is: [Helyn@Give2thetroops.org](mailto:Helyn@Give2thetroops.org)

## MEET LYSA WHITE, DIRECTOR of FLORIDA BRANCH!

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We have ANOTHER new Director! Please welcome **Lysa White**, Director of our new Florida Branch of Give2thetroops, Inc. Lysa lives and works in Tallahassee, FL. She has been very excited to open up the Florida Branch for us and has been helping us behind the scenes for several months, anxiously awaiting the Florida branch opening. Lysa has been campaigning for GIVE2THETROOPS for months and will be sending out her first Press Release this month. We are thrilled to have her join our family. Lysa's boyfriend, an Army soldier, is currently in Iraq and our prayers are with him and all our troops.

Please read Lysa's background in her bio on our Website's Board of Directors page. If you need to reach Lysa, her email is: Lysa@Give2thetroops.org

CT CONGRESSMAN CHRIS SHAYS VISITS US!

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**Connecticut Congressman Christopher Shays** and his wife, **Betsi Shays**, came to visit GIVE2THETROOPS Headquarters on Friday, February 4, 2005.

They were so enthusiastic about our operations and the Congressman plans to come back to help us prepare care packages for the troops! (But I told him to wear jeans!)

Pictured above, from left to right are **Sandy Panza** (Secretary), **Andi Grant** (President), **Congressman Christopher Shays** and **SGT Brian Grant** (Director) at CT Branch Headquarters.

## NC DISTRIBUTION CENTER OPENS!

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Our North Carolina Branch now has a wonderful donated Distribution Center! They also have a new Assistant Treasurer, **Pam Garlands** (pictured above).

The NC Branch has received THOUSANDS of donations and plans to send 20-30 large care packages each week as they have many volunteers helping them!

They are also working with State Employees Association to post GIVE2THETROOPS information in their newsletter.

If you live in or near North Carolina, please consider contacting Kevin Smith, the NC Branch Manager to find out how you can help.

Email Kevin: Kevin@Give2thetroops.org

[NC Distribution Center Hours are listed here...](#)

DONATIONS ARE POURING IN!

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Troops love the cards and care packages we send them. We receive new photos and thank you letters from the troops every week. The community efforts across our nation have been unbelievable!

In the past 2 weeks, we have received over **37,000 cards** for the troops (many Valentines Day cards) from schools in PA, NJ, CT, CA, KY and NC! As you can see, the troops absolutely love the precious cards from the children!

Not sure where to send your cards? You may always send cards or letters to the CT Headquarters Branch:

**GIVE2THETROOPS, INC.**  
**74 Andrassy Avenue**  
**Fairfield, CT 06824**

We will forward all of them to the troops for you!

**ONE CHILD CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



*Hamden, Connecticut*

On her own, this lovely 8th grade young lady was very driven to help the troops. She started an ongoing GIVE2THETROOPS donations drive at **Hamden Middle School** in Connecticut. They already dropped off their first load of donations and more will follow.

**Please give her a round of applause!** Her next goal is to get her brother's elementary school to do a drive! Isn't that terrific?

Remember, ANYONE can do a donations drive on behalf of GIVE2THETROOPS. Just coordinate

it with your nearest Branch Manager and let your donors know that all donations are tax-deductible.

## PRAYERS FOR PFC CLAY HULL

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PFC Clay Hull was seriously wounded this week in Iraq. Clay is one of the troops who regularly sees Iraqi people and gives Iraqi children toys and other items. He has been a GIVE2THETROOPS contact for hundreds of troops in Iraq, handing out many, many donations to his unit and other units.

If you would like to send Clay a card to lift his spirits, please send it to:

**PFC Clay Hull
c/o GIVE2THETROOPS
74 Andrassy Avenue
Fairfield, CT 06824**

Clay is in our thoughts and prayers.

WELCOME HOME, SGT TOM LOVE!!!!

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- We are happy to welcome home **Marine SGT Tom Love** who was stationed in Fallujah, Iraq. That was his second tour in Iraq and he is now home in California!

We have many other deployed troops who are also looking forward to coming home in the next few months.

But we also have so many more who are still deployed and need our support!

Be sure to read new letters from the troops that we post weekly. They are so appreciative of everything they receive.

[Read Thank You Letters from the Troops...](#)

## MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP...

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We always need help with the following:

- Collecting donations or funds
- Packing & mailing care packages
- Bringing boxes to the dump
- Filling out postal customs forms
- Helping at our fundraisers
- Selling our magnets & wristbands
- Spreading the word about Give2theTroops...

ITEMS YOU CAN EASILY DONATE:

- Plain white paper
- DELL Ink toner
- Zip-loc, freezer bags (gallon-size)
- Packing tape - any kind! (we never have enough!)
- Large black garbage bags
- SUV's & strong arms to transport the care packages to the post office.
- Empty ink jet cartridges: For each empty cartridge sent, Recycle for America will give \$2.00 to Give2thetroops.

EMAIL YOUR CLOSEST BRANCH MANAGER TO VOLUNTEER!

LOOK CAREFULLY....

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These troops are holding up a card from Cub Scout Den 7 in Southbury CT and a photo from the **BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS** and **LCPL Jon Turner**. They are holding another card from a child. Do you recognize it?

Yes, your items really do make it to the troops and they really do love them!

## THINK YOU HAVE NO TIME TO HELP? THINK AGAIN!

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There is always SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP THE TROOPS and help our Mission!

Everyone in this photo works full-time or is a full-time student!

I'd like to thank the following people (who are not Board Members) who have ***volunteered their free time*** or ***held donations drives*** for GIVE2THETROOPS in **January** and **February**. There are so many people who need to be on this list, but chances are I will accidentally omit someone. Please accept my apologies if this occurs. Your contributions do not go unnoticed and are so very much appreciated by GIVE2THETROOPS, our deployed troops and their families!:

- Aimee Mason
- Amanda Tiroletto
- Andrew Campbell
- Andy Newman
- April Nash
- BIGELOW TEA COMPANY
- Bob O'Donoghue
- Caite Hunn & her elementary school (in IL)
- Cat Fedorchek
- Chris Dunham
- Christina Mecca (in NJ)

- Chuck Tressler (in PA)
- CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS, INC (in NY)
- Damien Sciusco
- DANBURY HIGH SCHOOL
- DELTA CORPORATE SERVICES, INC (in NJ)
- Daniel Sciusco
- D.H. CONLEY HIGH SCHOOL (in NC)
- Dominick Sciusco
- Eleanor Burns & her Brownie Troop
- Elizabeth Duke & her Girl Scouts
- Elizabeth Johnston (in WA)
- Gail Hanna
- George Dietz (in MN)
- HAMDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
- Hannah Scansaroli & her company (in NJ)
- Harry Newman (in IL)
- Heidi Kassery
- HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
- Jackie Tiroletto
- James Young (in OR)
- Jean Iannotti
- Jeffrey Melaragno
- JH Kelly LLC (in WA)
- Jon Schwartz
- JR WOMEN'S CLUB in Fairfield
- **Kansas City 9th Marine Corps District** (in MO)
- Kendra D'Andrea
- Kimberly Beck
- Lara Paschalidis
- Lauren Orr
- Luke Pezanko
- Lynne Campbell
- Margie O'Connell & her Girl Scouts (in NJ)
- Marlene Pilo
- Matthew Campbell
- MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (in MA)
- Michael James (in TN)
- MIDDLESEX MIDDLE SCHOOL
- Mike Herold
- Nancy Schutte
- ORANGE RESEARCH, Inc
- Pat Sorgenti
- Peter Sorgenti
- Patti Spelman (in PA)
- PER-SE TECHNOLOGIES (in OH)
- Ryan Murdoch
- Sally Pezanko
- SOUTH SCHOOL
- Stephanie Steinmetz
- ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
- STRATFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- Sue Nash

- Susan Sciusco
- THE BIBLE LEAGUE (in IL)
- Tim Pezanko
- Wes Bilyard

Wristbands & Magnets



To help defray the cost of postage to mail our care packages, we are selling "Support Our Troops" nylon wristbands and car magnets.

Special thanks to teenagers Wes Bilyard & Matt Campbell in Connecticut who are selling wristbands for us!

- **Wristbands - \$3.00**
- **Large Magnets - \$6.00**
- **Mini Magnets - \$4.00**

All magnets are MADE IN AMERICA and 100% of the proceeds go to the troops. Please email me if you would like to purchase any of these or do a fundraiser at your school, church, synagogue, etc. by selling these items.

Larger Magnets...



Mini Magnets...



Only have a small space to display your patriotism? Great for your motorcycle or small area on the back of your car!

Contact me if you would like to buy or sell any of these! :-)

Thank you ALL for everything you do to support our troops and their families.

Your support means more than you will ever know...

God Bless you all.
Love,
Andi Grant and the Board of Directors

Please visit our sister charities:

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- our TX Sister Charity, OPERATION LETTERS FROM HOME
 - Our VA Sister Charity, OPERATION FIRST RESPONSE (Wounded Troops)
 - our GA Sister Charity, IRAQI BASEBALL
 - our FL Sister charity, USA TROOP CARE

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