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Dear Andi,

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

MEET HEIDIE KASSERY, DIRECTOR in CT BRANCH!



We have a new Director helping us at our Connecticut Branch!

Please welcome one of our newest Directors, **Heidie Kassery**. Heidie is a full time mother and an avid volunteer. In the past year, through her own initiative, she organized various philanthropic drives to help collect clothing and supplies for children in the Middle East while working with some deployed troops.

Heidie is a natural at soliciting donations and working with various non-profit organizations. In fact, she has already reached out to schools and businesses for donations, and thanks to her efforts, many donations are

pouring in.

GIVE2THETROOPS will benefit greatly from Heidie's energy and efforts, as will our Mission, our deployed troops and their families.

Heidie's bio is on our Website's Board of Directors page. If you would like to reach Heidie, her email is: Heidie@Give2thetroops.org

MEET KELLY HUMISTON, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER!



We have A new PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER! Please welcome **Kelly Humiston** to our growing family. Kelly has already made a major impact helping us with our public relations affairs. She has created wonderful letters and flyers and has been reaching out to media, Senators and Congressmen to spread the word and solicit their support.

I strongly encourage anyone who seeks to do a story about Give2thetroops or has ideas on spreading the word about our efforts to contact Kelly for advice.

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

MEET LYNNE CAMPBELL, VICE PRESIDENT!



We have a new VICE PRESIDENT... As you can see, our GIVE2THETROOPS "family" is growing! Please welcome **Lynne Campbell** of Fairfield, CT. Lynne is no newcomer to GIVE2THETROOPS. She and her family have been volunteering with us since 2002. Lynne has been a wonderful asset to us. She is an enthusiastic, self-driven volunteer who loves helping the troops.

She is terrific at research and handling legal and business matters. Lynne will be replacing Dave Swenson, who is staying on as a Director in Connecticut & New Jersey. Dave will focus on coordinating Cub Scout

drives and other volunteer work for GIVE2THETROOPS.

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

THANK YOU DONORS!!

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Pictured above is **Cub Scout Pack 10** of **Cos Cob, Connecticut**.

**Your donations never cease to amaze us!**

**THANK YOU**...Individuals, Businesses, Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout troops, Eagle Scouts, Clubs, Women's Auxiliary Units, UNIVERSITIES and schools around the nation, churches, synagogues and so many other people have donated items, time and money to help us continue our Mission. The support you give our troops does not go unnoticed!

Thank you donors for **Valentines Day, Easter and Passover donations!**

Many troops write about **YOU** and **YOUR** donations in their letters. Please go to our website and read their letters. We add new letters as they come in.

**GREAT NEWS!** [Magic Moments Greeting Cards](#) designed a wonderful new line of cards specifically for deployed troops and their families. They generously donated hundreds of cards to GIVE2TROOPS to send the troops & their families. They are donating 1% of their proceeds from this great line of military cards to GIVE2THETROOPS!

The cards are incredible, and on the back of each one, they have our GIVE2THETROOPS logo with text about our organization. Thank you to the company's President, **David Braunstein**, for this generous donation!

[Please visit MAGIC MOMENTS site here...](#)

## TROOPS SEND US A SIGNED FLAG!

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The MPs, Engineers, Infantry and Snipers of **Army Unit HHC 81st, at Camp Anaconda in Iraq** sent GIVE2THETROOPS a wonderful signed flag.

Holding the flag are two teenage volunteers, **Wes Bilyard** and **Matt Campbell** of Fairfield, CT.

Like many teenagers, Wes and Matt volunteer 2-4 times every week packing boxes and hauling them to the Post Office. They have recruited help from friends, sold wristbands for us and are amazing volunteers. Thank you again guys!

The troops really appreciate the care packages they receive. They constantly ask for **cards and letters - especially from 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 your letters and cards to the troops for you!

GIVE2THETROOPS BRANCHES are BUSY!

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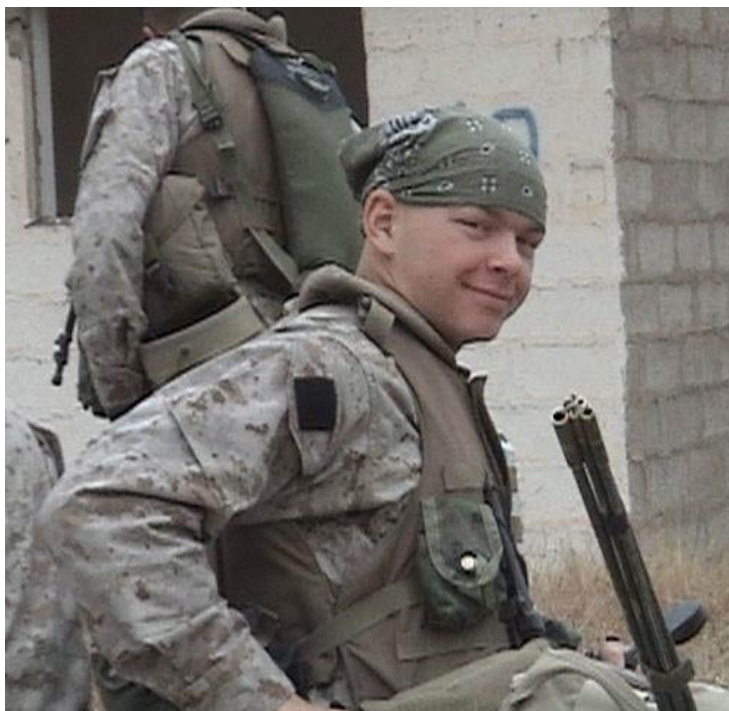
### Our GIVE2THETROOPS Branches have been really busy!

They have been in the news, on radio and television. They have been collecting items, holding drives and sending out care packages to thousands of troops.

- **WASHINGTON BRANCH** has sent close to 1,000 pounds of donations to our deployed troops! WOW! They received their first thank you letter last week!
- **NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH** is sending as many care packages as Headquarters!! They always need donations & volunteers to help them at their HUGE Distribution Center!
- **ARIZONA BRANCH** has been collecting donations at the National Guard base and working with local Girl Scout troops. They have already begun to send care packages and have received thank you letters.
- **FLORIDA BRANCH** has started working with Girl Scouts in the area to begin sending their first batch of care packages.
- **CALIFORNIA BRANCH** has been very successful continuing to send care packages and helping spread the word about **GIVE2THETROOPS**.

## HELLO FROM JON MICHAEL TURNER in FALLUJAH, IRAQ!

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CPL Jon Michael Turner (of Bridgeport, CT) sends his thanks for the care packages we've sent him & his Marine Corps unit in Fallujah. Both the CT Branch and the WA Branch of GIVE2THETROOPS have been taking good care of these Marines. Last year, We had the opportunity to meet Jon Michael when he was home on leave. CPL Turner said he wanted to "give back to GIVE2THETROOPS" and came to help us with one of our fundraisers!

We sent his unit a **new XBOX system** for when they have "down time." Their unit has little means for entertainment and they are really looking forward to receiving the game console from us. If you have any **new or used XBOX** or **Playstation 2 video games** you wish to donate, please send them to your nearest GIVE2THETROOPS branch.

Jon's mother **Joanne Haschak**, cousins **Robyn** & **Melinda Haschak**, & Goddaughter, **Olivia Haschak**, actively volunteer with GIVE2THETROOPS. They miss Jon Michael dearly and express their thanks to all GIVE2THETROOPS donors and volunteers for supporting him.

GAMES & RECREATION ITEMS NEEDED!

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Several ARMY units are trying to set up their MWR (Morale Welfare Recreation) centers. They need **nerf footballs, board games, cards, electronic games**...well, just about ANYTHING for entertainment that is in decent condition. Please look around your house. A slightly used game of Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, Monopoly, Checkers, Chess, crossword puzzle books, computer games, Movie DVDs, and music CDS (new or used) would be greatly appreciated...

Thanks to **MOHEGAN SUN CASINO** for donating hundreds of dice, poker chips and playing cards to GIVE2THETROOPS this week. Thank you to our new Director, **HEIDIE KASSERY**, for all your hard work many soliciting generous companies these past few weeks!

Pictured above is **Major Alvin Schwapp** (U.S. Army Reserves) stationed in Iraq. Alvin hands out toys and other items to the Iraqi children. He misses his wife and children at home. We sent his unit a **new XBOX system** & games for entertainment. You may read his thank you letter on our website.

[Read Letters from the Troops here...](#)

## **PFC CLAY HULL's HEALTH is IMPROVING!**

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PFC Clay Hull was seriously wounded last month in Iraq, but has made much progress in his recovery! Thank you for your prayers, cards and gifts for Clay. All have been sent to him in Iraq. Clay has joined a new unit now and will continue to interact with the Iraqi children, giving them small toys and shampoos they ask him for.

If you would like to donate items to the children, we have a few military contacts who work directly with Iraqi children and would be happy to distribute your gifts.

MOTHERS DAY CARD DRIVE!!!



We are now collecting blank **Mothers Day Cards** and **Pre-Paid Phone Cards** to send to our troops so they may send their love back home on this important occasion! The deadline to get these to us is Friday, April 22nd as we will need time to send the items to the troops and time for them to send them to their mothers back home!

Thank you **Heidie Kassery** and **Kelly Humiston** for organizing this drive and getting the word out!

SPECIAL REQUESTED ITEMS!

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## CAN YOU HELP?

### Special Items Requested By Our Troops:

- Flip flops (all sizes)
- Memory thumb drives (also known as "pen drives")
- Ajax powder & sponges
- Pastic buckets
- AA & AA batteries
- Travel size shampoo bottles (no Hotel samples)
- 10 Sci-Fi Paperback Books
- Protein Powders
- Twin size sheets & pillow cases
- Feminine hygiene products
- Battery or solar-powered Alarm clocks
- A Coffee Maker
- Small battery-operated radios (any kind)
- Board games and entertainment items
- Movie DVDs (new or used)

**Over 100 new troops signed up this month! Your donations will be greatly appreciated!**

**Thank you GIRL SCOUTS for the HUNDREDS of boxes of GIRL SCOUT COOKIES!**

[View our Sponsors and Donors...](#)

## MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP...

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Above, **Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School in Bridgewater, New Jersey** sends their love to the troops by holding a donations drive for GIVE2THETROOPS!

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
- Selling our magnets & wristbands
- Spreading the word about Give2theTroops...

ITEMS YOU CAN EASILY DONATE:

- Plain white paper
- DELL color & black ink for Dell Printer A920
- Zip-loc, *FREEZER* bags (gallon-size)
- Packing tape - clear and brown
- Large black trash bags
- Empty ink jet cartridges: For each empty cartridge sent, Recycle for America will give \$2.00 to Give2thetroops.

LOOK AT OUR ONLINE CALENDAR TO VOLUNTEER FOR EVENTS!

[GIVE2THETROOPS CALENDAR](#)

Even Active Duty Troops are Helping!

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

Above is **Captain Bobby Estep** (U.S. Air Force), who is safely back home in Texas and continues to spread the word for us! Thank you Bobby!

### Wristbands & Magnets

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

We just lowered our prices!

- **Wristbands - \$2.00**
- **Large Magnets - \$5.00**
- **Mini Magnets - \$3.00**

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...

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:

- 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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