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Students, community asked to donate for troops

*The Proviso Public Partnership and Operation Care Package have a message:
“LET’S KEEP IT GOING”*

Hillside, Ill. – Building upon the success of last year’s campaign, the Proviso Public Partnership (PPP) has reached out to communities to help our troops by donating various items to be packaged and distributed overseas. These “care packages” will be sent wherever they are needed throughout the world. The PPP is asking the community to support our troops by dropping off an item or two to one of the many locations listed below.

“Our drive last year was very successful and we know that the program means a lot to our troops stationed overseas,” said PPP board Commissioner Arturo Mota. “These men and women are far from their families and friends and the packages that are collected definitely boost morale.”

Operation Care Package provides two different kinds of care packages for our troops. The Toiletry Pack, which contains personal items like shaving cream, shampoo, toothpaste and a deck of cards. The Food Pack contains snacks including candy, gum, granola, canned goods, nuts and a deck of cards. Both packages also have letters written by students from many participating schools. These letters are encouraging to the troops and it means so much to the kids as well, to be able to send their heroes a message of support.

“We’d like exceed our goal of 150 care packages by Memorial Day,” said PPP President Michael Corrigan.

The PPP will be accepting donations from April 4th through May 29th, so that our troops can receive their packages by Memorial Day, May 30th.

Operation Care Package is a Manhattan-Joliet, IL. based charitable organization founded in 2003 by three women, two with brothers and one with a son stationed overseas.

For more information, or if you would like us to supply your location with a collection container, contact Janet Arrieta at the Proviso Public Partnership, 708-449-5508. Monetary donations are also welcomed through Pay-pal, by going to our website at www.pppnfp.org or you can also mail donations to Proviso Public Partnership at 4565 West Harrison Street. 3 Flr., Hillside IL, 60162.

100 percent of all proceeds go to Operation Care Package.

Suggested items include:

FOOD ITEMS:

Granola/Protein Bars
Beef Jerky
Summer Sausage
Beef Sticks
Fruit Snacks
Individual Drink Mix Packs
Trail Mix/Nuts
Sunflower Seeds
Peanut Butter/Jelly (No glass jars)

PERSONAL HEALTHCARE/HYGENE ITEMS:

Foot Powder
Anti-Fungal Cream
Deodorant
Shaving Cream
Soap/Body Wash
Disposable Razors
Vitamins
Nail Clippers
Small Size Shampoos and Conditioners
Mouthwash
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Dental floss
Lip Balm
Sun Block
Wet Wipes

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

Proviso Township
Village of North Riverside
Village of Melrose Park Town Hall
Guerin & Co. Inc.
The Way Back Inn
Community Support Services
State Rep. Kathleen Willis' Office
Veterans Park District (in Northlake)
Melrose Park Library
North Riverside Library
Westchester Public Library
Hillside Public Library
Elmhurst Public Library
Broadview Public Library
Riverside Public Library
Bellwood Public Library
Northlake Public Library