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## **Proviso Township Seeks Donations for Troops**

*Annual drive sends supplies and letters to troops abroad*

Hillside, Ill. – The Proviso Public Partnership (PPP) in collaboration with Operation Care Package is again reaching out to communities to support our troops by donating various items to be packaged and distributed overseas. The PPP is asking community groups-- including schools, churches, libraries, businesses, families and friends-- to show their support by dropping off an item or two at one of the many locations listed below. The care packages assembled by these donated items will be sent wherever they are needed throughout the world.

"Each year we see an increase in donations from the community-- a trend we hope to keep up this year," said Proviso Township Mental Health Commission board president and Proviso Township Supervisor, Michael Corrigan. "It's a real morale-booster for these men and women serving abroad to receive packages and letters, and to see that people here at home appreciate their service."

Last year, PPP received triple the number of items donated as in previous years, and also received \$3,188 in donations. All proceeds go directly to Operation Care Package.

Operation Care Package provides two different kinds of care packages for our troops. The Toiletry Pack 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 contain letters written by students from participating schools. Not only are these letters encouraging for the troops, they also mean a lot to the kids, as it allows them to send their heroes a message of support.

"I'm confident we can again break our record for number of donations," said Corrigan. "Let's make this Memorial Day a little brighter for our troops abroad."

The PPP will be accepting donations through the end of May.

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

The Proviso Public Partnership works in close coordination with the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission to provide support to the Proviso Community. The mission is to promote the welfare and prosperity of its members and of civic, commercial, educational, financial, industrial and professional interests within the community.

For more information, or if you would like us to host a collection container, contact Janet Arrieta at the Proviso Public Partnership, 708-240-4435 or jarrieta@pppnfp.org. Monetary donations are also welcomed through PayPal at [www.pppnfp.org](http://www.pppnfp.org). You can also mail donations to Proviso Public Partnership at 4565 West Harrison Street, 3 Flr., Hillside IL, 60162.

**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:**

Village of Westchester  
10300 W. Roosevelt Rd.  
Westchester, IL

Berkeley Library  
1637 Taft Ave,  
Berkeley, IL

Village Of Berkeley  
5819 Electric Ave  
Berkeley, IL

Westchester Library  
10700 Canterbury St.

Westchester, IL

Hillside Library  
405 Hillside  
Hillside, IL

Elmhurst Library  
125 S Prospect Ave,  
Elmhurst, IL

Bellwood Library  
600 Bohland Ave,  
Bellwood, IL

Veterans Park District  
In Northlake  
44 W Golfview Dr,  
Northlake, IL

Proviso Township 1st floor  
4565 W Harrison Street  
Hillside

Broadview Public Library  
2226 S. 16th Ave  
Broadview, IL