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Proviso Township Seeks Donations for Troops

Annual drive sends supplies and letters to troops abroad

Hillside, Ill. – For the fourth year, the Proviso Public Partnership (PPP) will collaborate with community groups, businesses, and residents to collect letters, food, and personal items that will be packaged and shipped to troops stationed abroad. The donations will be transported to Operation Care Package in the south suburbs where they are packaged and shipped overseas.

“The community has really stepped up over the years to show their support,” said Proviso Public Partnership President Mike Corrigan. “We want to get the packages shipped out by Memorial Day to show the troops that we are thinking of them.”



*Troops receive care packages from
Operation Care Package*

The PPP is also asking residents to let them know about their Proviso friends and family who are serving overseas so that they are sure to receive a care package. Proviso residents are also encouraged to write letters to troops. The letters will be included in care packages.

“It means a lot for troops to get a package with a letter from the neighborhood,” said Corrigan. “It’s a small way to show that we appreciate their service and that their community at home is thinking of them.”

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.

In addition to letters, food items and hygiene items, the PPP collects cash donations to pay for shipping costs. 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.

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 behavioral wellness by providing coordinated leadership and ensuring that behavioral health services are accessible, comprehensive and person centered. Through early intervention, treatment and education we provide mental health, substance abuse and developmental disability services to children, adults and seniors in Proviso Township.”

For more information, or if you would like us to host a collection container, contact Kate Minella at the Proviso Public Partnership, 708-240- 4435 or kminella@pppnfp.org. Monetary donations are also welcomed through PayPal at 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/HYGIENE 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:

Melrose Park Public Library
801 N 19th Ave, Melrose Park, IL

North Riverside Public Library
2400 Desplaines Ave, North Riverside, IL

Village of North Riverside

2401 S. DesPlaines Ave., North Riverside, IL

Northlake Public Library
231 N Wolf Rd, Northlake, IL

PAEC Center
1000 Van Buren St, Maywood, IL

PAEC Elementary School
1636 S 10th Ave, Maywood, IL

PAEC High School
1000 Van Buren St. Maywood, IL

Riverside Public Library
1 Burling Rd, Riverside, IL

Way Back Inn
104 Oak St, Maywood, IL

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

Berkeley Library
1637 Taft Ave, Berkeley, IL

Westchester Library
10700 Canterbury St. Westchester, IL

Bellwood Library
600 Bohland Ave, Bellwood, IL

Proviso Township 1st floor
4565 W Harrison Street, Hillside

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