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Students, community asked to “quarterback” for troops

Proviso Public Partnership asks community to donate 25 cents

Hillside, Ill. – The Proviso Public Partnership (PPP) has reached out to local schools, churches, businesses and residents to help donate care packages for our troops overseas. The PPP is asking people to donate 25 cents, to be a “quarterback” for our troops.

“The quarterback is a good analogy because we want troops to know we’re in this together, we’re teammates,” said PPP Executive Director Jesse D. Rosas. “We’re asking people, particularly students, to give just 25 cents, a quarter.”

The PPP has joined Operation Care Packages to sponsor care packages for military men and women stationed overseas. Each package costs \$25.00. The PPP is hoping to raise \$1,000 to sponsor 40 care packages.

Operation Care Packages provides two different kinds of care packages. The Toiletry Pack contains toiletries including 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. Each packages costs \$25 including shipping costs.

“We’d like meet our goal of 40 care packages by Memorial Day,” said PPP President Michael Corrigan.

The PPP has asked schools to provide collection containers for students to donate their change. The PPP will be accepting donations until April 17th so troops can receive their packages by Memorial Day, May 25th.

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

For more information, go to www.operationcarepackages.org, or contact Janet Arrieta at the PPP, 708-449-5508.

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