

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Place a collection barrel at your business
- Sponsor the shipping of a package for \$15.00
- Donate items for care packages (tax deductible)
- Donate greeting cards for elementary school students to write to the troops
- Volunteer to fill packages

For more information or to volunteer please contact Liz Alessio:

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For financial donations:

Please make checks payable to:  
Operation: With Love From Home  
Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law

We also invite you to submit the APO/FPO address of men and women you know who are deployed overseas so that a package can be sent to them.

### Thank you to the following sponsors:

Queen of the Valley Medical Center  
The Rotary of North Napa  
Napa Noon Rotary  
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*Operation: With LOVE From HOME supporters and volunteers*

Please join us in gathering donations of food, personal items and hand written letters of support to ship overseas.

## MOST REQUESTED ITEMS

- Tuna lunch kits
- Beef Jerky
- Drink Mix singles
- Coffee/tea singles
- Thermal Tops and Bottoms
- Peanut butter (small containers)
- Boot socks
- AAA or AA Batteries
- Handy wipes (travel size)
- Sunblock
- Disposable razors (3-5 blade)
- Letters of support

For a complete list of requested items visit  
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Care Packages for our Troops

OPERATION: With LOVE From HOME sends care packages to lift the spirit of deployed service members, addresses the ongoing needs of our military and Veteran communities and provides opportunities for volunteers to show support and appreciation for the sacrifices made on our behalf

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The story behind

# OPERATION: *With* LOVE *From* HOME

Lisa Huntley, mother of Mitchell Ray, a United States Marine, wanted to send care packages to her son and his buddies for Christmas. As a Radiology Tech at Queen of the Valley Medical Center, Lisa enlisted the aid of Kami Timm and staff members in 2007. With eight volunteers, Operation: With LOVE from HOME was born, shipping 134 care packages to troops stationed in Iraq. The packages included cards from students in Missouri (from Lisa's nephew) and from her cousin's 5th grade class in a Napa elementary school, along with toiletries, food items and warm socks. All of the items were collected in a short two-week period. The following year, based on the success of the first year, Queen of the Valley Medical Center sponsored this heart felt effort. The donation drive started earlier and collection bins were set up throughout the medical center, including

Synergy, the Wellness Center. The involvement of the broader Napa community began with Napa Community Bank (now Rabobank) also collecting goods through the efforts of an Army mom, Nancy Stetler, and the Ahearne family with the "Treat Our Troops" efforts which collected Halloween candy for troops stationed overseas. That Christmas, 434 care packages were assembled with the help of dozens of community and medical center volunteers.

It became obvious to everyone that this effort tugged on the heart strings of the community and warranted a more organized approach to the collection of goods and the assembly of the care packages. A team of community and hospital volunteers got together to find a storage unit, shelving and bins to sort, organize and store the donations, and started having a presence in the community during Chef's Markets, car shows, and parades. In 2009, a concerted effort to involve more of the Napa community resulted in dozens of collection bins spread throughout the community, challenges between banks and between health clubs, letters from Napa school children, and over 100 volunteers assembling the care packages. This resulted in 703 boxes of goodies sent to those serving in harm's way. The letters of heartfelt



*Lisa and Ben Huntley with the care packages ready for shipping*

gratitude from the recipients has spurred the group to assemble packages at least twice yearly increasing the number each time.

At the core of the group's activities is the understanding that, no matter how an individual feels about the war, it is vitally important that we support the troops in whatever way possible. The care packages sent via Operation: with Love from Home communicate in a tangible way that folks at home are thinking of the brave men and women and are thankful for their sacrifices on behalf of our country.

*Volunteers packing up at the 4th of July assembly day*



**WE HONOR ALL THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE IN FOREIGN LANDS WITHOUT THEIR OWN FAMILIES, AND WE ARE DEDICATED TO HELPING AS MANY OF THEM AS POSSIBLE**



*Troops enjoying the goodies in the care packages*