WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Place a collection barrel at your business
- Sponsor the shipping of a package for $16.25
- 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:

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

MOST REQUESTED ITEMS

- Boot Socks (dark color)
- Beef Jerky (3-7 oz bags)
- Tuna lunch kits
- Handy wipes (travel size)
- Drink Mix singles
- Coffee/tea singles
- Peanut butter (small containers)
- Boot socks
- AAA or AA Batteries
- Sunblock
- Letters of support

For a complete list of requested items visit www.opwithlove.org
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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 heartfelt 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 heartstrings 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 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.