

HOW TO ORGANIZE A COLLECTION DRIVE

Operation Gratitude sends 100,000+ Care Packages each year to deployed Troops and Wounded Warriors. We rely on donations to help us show our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines that they are not alone!



Holding a Collection Drive for Operation Gratitude is an active and fun way for your friends, neighbors, or organization to show support for our troops!

To begin your Collection Drive:

- Notify your constituency of the dates, times, and location of collection.
- Specify what items you will accept. (Some suggestions can be found in the Wish List to the right.)
- Encourage donors to include personal letters to the Troops. These are often the most cherished items in our care packages.
- Keep in mind that we only accept delivery of items during the following times:
 - **PATRIOTIC DRIVE:** March 15th thru May 5th
 - **HOLIDAY DRIVE:** September 15th thru December 5th

WISH LIST

- Knit Hats & Scarves
- Cool Ties or Neck Gators
- Yarn
- Beanie Babies, Webkinz, Trolls, or other small plush toys
- Halloween or Easter Candy
- Socks (preferably black, brown, green, or tan – not white)
- Mini battery-powered fans
- Personal Electronics
 - iPods,
 - DVDs,
 - CDs,
 - Video Games,
 - Flash Drives
 - Headsets (Headphones & Microphones)
 - WebCams
 - Used cell phones/PDAs
- Gift Cards to chain stores, such as
 - Walmart,
 - Walgreens,
 - Target,
 - etc.
- Snacks, such as
 - Energy Bars
 - Beef Jerky
 - Trail Mix
 - Nuts
 - Sunflower Seeds
 - Candy
 - Ready-to-eat Tuna or Chicken Salad kits
 - Girl Scout Cookies
 - Single serving Powdered Beverage Mixes
 - Single serving boxes of cold cereal
 - Single serving packets of hot cereal
- Personal Care Products
 - Lip Balm
 - Toothpaste
 - Toothbrushes
 - Roll-on Deodorant
 - Razors
 - Individual packets of moist towelettes
 - Hand/Foot Warmers
 - Foot powder (travel size)
- Blank greeting cards or stationery



Ship all donations to:

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