



Care Package Collection Drive

What is Operation Gratitude?

Operation Gratitude is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, volunteer-based organization based in Chatsworth, CA that sends care packages & letters of support to our nation's Heroes. Their mission is twofold: To lift morale in the Military and First Responder communities, and to provide every American an opportunity to say "Thank You" to all who serve.

Since the organization started in 2003, over 1.6 Million care packages have been assembled and shipped!

What Items Are Needed?

Pens
iPods
Candy
DVDs and CDs
Video Games
Novelty toys (small)
USB Flash Drives
Board Games (travel size)
Handheld electronic games (travel size)
Notebooks or Spiral Pads (pocket-sized)
Beanie Babies, Webkinz, or other Small Plush Toys (6 inches or smaller)

Gloves
Bandana Coolers/Cool-Ties
Mini/Personal Fans (battery operated)
Screen-printed T-Shirts, Baseball Style Caps
Socks (preferably black, brown, green, tan; not white)

Yarn (for our knitters to make scarves)
Blank Holiday/Birthday/Anniversary/Thank You Greeting Cards
Used Cell Phones, Video Games & Systems, iPods & Ink Cartridges
Gift Cards to iTunes and Chain/Grocery Stores
Prepaid VISA/MasterCard/AmEx cards

Razors
Dental Floss
Toothbrushes
Lotion (travel size)
Toothpaste (travel size)
Mouthwash (travel size)
Hand and Foot Warmers
Lip Balm (with seal)
Roll-on deodorant (travel size)
Moist Towelettes (individual packets)
Foot Powder (travel size containers)
Non-aerosol Shaving Cream (Gel or Cream based only)

Trail Mix
Energy Bars
Nuts/Sunflower Seeds
Beef Jerky (small/individual packets)
Single-serving Powdered Beverage Mixes
Ready-to-Eat Tuna or Chicken Salad Kits
Hot/Cold Cereal (single serving packets)

Paracord "Survival" Bracelets
Hand-knit/crocheted Hats and Scarves (scarves are 4" x 36")
Handwritten and unsealed drawings, cards and letters expressing your gratitude for their service

Where Do The Items Go After the Collection Drive is Over?

Once your items arrive at Operation Gratitude, they are logged in, sorted, and moved to the warehouse for packing on an upcoming Assembly Day. Each care package is assembled with 50-75 items that have been generously donated by individuals and companies. From there, the care packages are individually addressed to all branches of deployed US Troops around the world, as well as New Recruits, Children of the Deployed, Wounded Heroes, Veterans, and First Responder units across the country.

Each care package costs \$15 to assemble and ship.

Financial contributions to help cover the shipping costs are also welcome.

You can donate online at: www.OperationGratitude.com/Donate

Drop-off Location: _____

Collection Deadline: _____

To learn more, please visit OperationGratitude.com