



OPERATION S.O.S. (Support Our Soldiers)

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We are kicking off our 12th annual campaign to help make the holidays a little brighter for American troops who are stationed overseas. During last year's project we were able to send 503 holiday care packages to soldiers serving in the 25th Signal Battalion who were stationed in Afghanistan. We have not yet targeted a specific group for our 2016 campaign, but we will be choosing one soon.

Local schools have made an important contribution to our program in the past, and we would greatly appreciate the support of your school this fall. Would you please consider helping in any of the following ways?

1. Encourage the students to write **letters**, make **cards**, or draw **pictures** for the soldiers to thank them for their service and to help brighten their holiday season while they are away from home.
2. Encourage the students to make **holiday ornaments** or **decorations** for the soldiers. (Please do not use glitter. It can make a mess during shipping.)
3. Collect **monetary donations** to help pay overseas shipping costs of care packages.
4. Collect any of the **items listed on the next page** for the care packages.

Checks can be made out to:
OPERATION S.O.S.
P.O. Box 305
Duncansville, PA 16635

Thank you,

Gary L. Clare
OPERATION S.O.S
Project Coordinator

Items can be dropped off from **October 27** through **November 19th, 2016** at **Smith Furniture in Duncansville**. Store hours are M-F (10-8) and Saturday (10-5).

If you have any questions, please call Gary Clare at (814) 695-5635 or e-mail him at smithfurniture@verizon.net

A copy of needed items will also be available on the OPERATION S.O.S. link at

www.smithfurniturehof.com

Thank you for your support!

Additional drop-off locations in the area include:

Ace Hardware, Route 764, Duncansville
First Commonwealth Bank, 3rd Avenue, Duncansville
Logan Township Municipal Building, Chief Logan Circle, Altoona
Altoona First Savings Bank, all locations

1st Summit Bank, inside the Altoona Walmart

For the 2016 OPERATION S.O.S. campaign we are accepting ONLY the following items. Please read the list carefully, as we have made several changes since last year.

We CANNOT accept canned goods, items in glass jars or aerosol cans, and items which have expired or will expire by the end of the year. If received, these items will NOT be packed into the soldiers' boxes.

<p>FOOD ITEMS Nuts, sunflower seeds, fruit snacks, and trail mix in individual packets Microwave popcorn, dried fruit Beef jerky and Slim Jims Tuna or chicken lunch kits (with crackers) Protein bars, Clif bars, cereal bars, etc... Pop Tarts (8 ct. boxes), Rice Krispie Treats Potato chips in cans (Pringles, Lays) Single-serving packs of pretzels, cheese and crackers, and boxes of Cracker Jack Gum, Life Savers, and Tic-Tacs Fruit cups and pudding cups (in 4-cup packs) Peanut brittle, hard candy, Christmas candy Candy bars (any size)</p>	<p>Individual serving ready-to-eat microwavable meals like Hormel Compleats, Campbell's Chunky or Select Harvest soups, Chef Boyardee cups, Velveeta or Kraft Mac n Cheese cups Boxes of instant oatmeal Seasonings such as Mrs. Dash, hot sauce, Tabasco sauce, salt, pepper, garlic salt Jif Peanut Butter To Go (1.5 oz cups) Instant Lunch Noodle Cups, Ramen Noodles Homemade cookies and other homemade goodies (in Gladware or other new plastic disposable containers) To ensure freshness please do not drop off homemade items until Nov. 25,26,&28th !!</p>
<p>DRINK ITEMS Individual drink mixes like Crystal Light On-the-Go, Propel, Kool-Aid Singles, and Lipton Tea-to-Go that can be added to a water bottle Boxes of hot chocolate mix</p>	<p>Boxes of tea bags, coffee bags (Folger's Coffee Singles, etc...) Individual packets of sugar, sweetener, and flavored or unflavored creamer</p>
<p>TOILETRY ITEMS Eye drops, saline nasal spray Throat lozenges and cough drops Liquid hand sanitizers (10 ozs. and under) Odor Eaters, cushion or gel insoles Healing lotion, powder or ointment for feet Hand lotion, body lotion, body powder (all 15 ozs. and under) Small packets of facial tissues and Q-tips Pain relievers (like Tylenol and aspirin, in individual packets or small bottles) Feminine hygiene Items</p>	<p>Toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss Non-aerosol shave cream, disposable razors Non-aerosol bug repellent, fly paper Non-aerosol sunscreen, aloe vera lotion Non-aerosol deodorant Room deodorizers such as Stick-Ups Shampoo, conditioner, body wash or shower gel, or 2-in-1 shampoo/shower gel (all 15 oz. and under) Lip balm (Chapstick, Blistex, etc...) Baby wipes and Wet Ones (small packages or travel size)</p>
<p>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS Homemade ornaments (no glitter, please) Hand-written cards or thank-you notes Cleaning and disinfecting wipes (Clorox, etc...) Snack, sandwich, and quart-size zipper bags 1 gallon Ziploc brand double zipper freezer bags</p>	<p>Word search or crossword puzzle books Frisbees, Nerf balls, tennis balls, etc... Air-activated hand warmers (Hot Hands, etc...) Playing cards, new or used music CD's and movie DVD's (not Blu-ray) Recently published magazines Travel-size games (Scrabble, Yahtzee, etc...)</p>