

Dear Scout Leader:

It's nice to meet you, and thank you for contacting Soldiers Angels.

We have had lots of scouting groups do projects to help our wounded soldiers, and we welcome your help. You can read about some of them at the links at the bottom of this email. You can also contact us at scouting@soldiersangels.org

We welcome the opportunity to work with scouting organizations of any size to help support our soldiers in the Middle-East. If you already have an idea for your project, please contact us so we can talk about it. Otherwise, we have listed the biggest needs that we could use help with for the military hospitals in Iraq and Afghanistan:

Your scout group can choose to adopt a Medical unit and send them care packages, or may choose to raise funds to help with medical support, or collect any of the needed items below.

You will also need to include plans to raise enough money for shipping your packages directly overseas to a military unit that we will provide the address for. The cost of shipping can be estimated by going to the US postal service website, www.usps.com . Use ZIP Code 09354 as a sample destination to get an idea. I can help you with any questions about how to pack and ship your donations.

If you have a very large amount of an item to donate, contact me for other possible arrangements.

Donations of Care package/supplies/ gifts:

Here are ideas for the items that are most often requested for our wounded soldiers and the medics who care for them:

Snacks, etc: (All snacks must be individually wrapped in factory packaging) Consider making "snack-packs" in a quart sized Ziploc bag containing a variety of the snacks below.

- Hard Candy, suckers (Charms blow-pops, Tootsie-roll pops, Jolly-Ranchers are favorites)
- Small packages of nuts, sunflower seeds, trail-mix, crackers & cheese, cookies, etc.
- Gum
- Granola Bars/cereal bars/power bars
- Drink mixes in single-serve packets (Gatorade, Crystal-lite, Kool Aid, energy drink mixes, etc)
- Hot cocoa mixes (in winter months)
- Halloween-sized candy bars (chocolate can be sent in cooler months from October - May)
- Pop-Tarts, cookies, crackers
- Peanut butter, Jelly (in plastic containers)

Coffee Supplies:

The Soldiers' Angels organization receives thousands of pounds of donated coffee for our troops, but we must buy supplies such as sugar/sweetener packets and powdered creamer (regular and flavored). Donations of these items are always requested by the troops overseas.

Toiletries - The medics are always looking for toiletries. Toiletries/personal hygiene items: (Travel or "sample" sized containers.) Those collected from hotels are fine, but all must be brand-new, unopened and unused.

- Shampoo
- Lotion
- Foot powder
- Hand Sanitizer
- Body wash
- Tooth paste
- Disposable razors (double or triple-blade)

- Shaving Cream (regular-sized aerosol cans or tubes are fine)
- Bar Soap (regular or travel-sized are fine)
- Dental Floss
- Tooth brushes
- Wipes

Miscellaneous:

- Beanie Babies (new or used, but must be clean)
- Board Games (new or used, but make sure all pieces are included)
- Video-game systems (XBOX, XBOX-360, hand-held games, etc). Used systems and games are fine.
- DVD's : new or used. Anything that would appeal to young men and women. Movies, TV shows, comedies, etc. R rated are generally ok, but avoid war movies, or very violent themes.

You can read here about some scout units that completed their projects with us.

<http://soldiersangelsmedical.blogspot.com/search?q=scouts>

Good luck and we look forward to working with you.

Soldiers' Angels scouting support team

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