



Help Support Our Troops...*It's Donation Time Again!*

Wheeling Township - in partnership with Operation Support Our Troops, America Inc. (OSOT) – is holding its Annual Donation Drive for the Troops! We'll be collecting the items below for "Comfort & Care" packages that OSOT puts together and ships to active Troops around the world. **Donations will be accepted the entire month of November in the Senior Services Department, attention: Lynndah Lahey.**

Items Accepted:

1. Peanut Butter - 16 oz or less (no glass)
2. Jelly cups or packets (no jars)
3. Breakfast bars/granola bars/protein bars
4. Canned fruit - 16 oz or less (no glass - no plastic fruit cups!)
5. Individually wrapped packages of crackers / cookies / trail mix / nuts
6. Gum / Mints
7. Individual microwaveable mac & cheese cups or packets
8. Toothbrushes and small/large toothpaste (no mouthwash)
9. White or black athletic socks
10. Carnation Instant Breakfast packets
11. Hydrating cold drink mix packets (Gatorade/Propel/Liquid IV)
12. Foot Powder/Antacids/Cough Drops
13. Pringles (individual lunch size or full-size tubes)
14. Rice Krispie Treats
15. Pop-Tarts (only small boxes, not warehouse-store sized boxes)
16. Halloween candy is welcomed

Please DO NOT donate: bags of potato chips (they get crushed), meat products (beef jerky, tuna, chicken, soups, canned pasta or chili with meat), plastic fruit cups (they often leak), coffee products, and *nothing with alcohol in it* (hand sanitizer/mouthwash, etc). Heightened security and changes at USPS have changed what may be mailed to many locations. *Anything donated that OSOT can't use will be given to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry.*

Other Ways You Can Help:

- **Make a financial donation:** Donations help cover the cost of postage (each box costs OSOT \$25 to ship). Make checks payable to Operation Support our Troops – America, Inc. Please note that OSOT is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, meaning your donation to them is tax deductible and they will send you a thank you letter.
- **Write encouraging cards:** The most coveted items in care packages are encouraging cards or pictures from school kids. NO HOLIDAY CARDS, please! Only cards or letters that can be used throughout the year are requested. Whether a scribbled drawing from a 1st grader or a heartfelt letter from a homebound senior, each message is precious and appreciated. Every care package sent to military personnel includes at least one letter or drawing. Address your letter or card to: "*Dear Military Person.*" Please do not seal any letters or cards.

Donations of goodies, checks and letters can be dropped off at Wheeling Township, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, the entire month of November (9:00am - 4:30pm). Thank you in advance for supporting America's Troops!

For more information, call Lynndah Lahey, Director of Senior & Disability Services at 847-259-7730, ext. 21, or email: LLahey@wheelingtowship.com.