

LATEST NEWS for our *Soldiers Care*.....

Hello Supporters,

Here is the **eleventh** update for the First Baptist Church's **Care Package** initiative for our US Soldiers serving overseas.

Faithfully,

Joy Thomson, Coordinator

CURRENT POINT LEADERS

- ★ **Capt Gregory Hayes** in Afghanistan
- ★ **Spc Luis Barrera** in Korea
- ★ **1SG James Primo** in Afghanistan
- ★ **William Berberan** in Iraq
- ★ **EOCA Daniel Clerkin** in Afghanistan

CUMULATIVE STATS

25 Point Leaders since 2005, some serving multiple times
\$22,000 raised from our Community since 2007
13,000 lbs of donations have been shipped since 2005

CURRENT NEWS:

Jason Henley comes safely home



Several weeks ago a stunning site approached the FBC office. A Point Leader arrived safely back home to Hingham from Afghanistan, surrounded by 2 of his 3 adorable children. This is a site you wish for.

Jason Henley thanked Joy Thomson for all the Care Packages that he and his unit received. He explained how critical they were to the morale and daily necessities needed by his men. He also present a folded flag that was flown over the Forward Operating Base Lindsey, home of the

US Army Corps of Engineers, Kandahar Area Office, Afghanistan, given in honor of all who had a hand in the Care Package Outreach. That means you!

All citizens owe many thanks to Jason and his family who made personal sacrifices. Jason, we appreciate all the difficult work you did and we are so very happy to have you back in our midst again.

[Charlie Goebel does it again](#)

Charlie has had another birthday and once again he asked for gifts for the troops instead of gifts for himself. Look how much he got! Thank you to Charlie and your friends for making our soldiers feel happy and appreciated.



[Candace Kennedy turns 60](#)



You don't have to be a kid like Charlie (above) to have a birthday party with soldier gifts. Candace Kennedy and her friend Beth Marcella knocked on the FBC office door a couple of weeks ago and offered a bursting carload of donations that were given in her honor at her 60th birthday party. A tremendous selection made for happy packing and a quick turnaround. You are a wonderful example, Candace, and we appreciate your support and caring. And HAPPY 60TH.



We would like to cite an article that was in the *Hingham Journal*, authored by Keith Jermyn re contributing to veterans charities:

"To the Editor:There are a number of private organizations raising money, which divert a substantial portion of your contribution to defray fund raising overhead expense. Thus, in many cases, much less than half of your contribution finds its way to the cause which you intend to support."

We want to assure everyone that FBC's Care Package Outreach is staffed by volunteers only, and 100% of your money goes to benefit our Soldiers.

[Creativity touches soldiers](#)

Remember in the last issue we told you about Sheila and Bob Heaney and their creative packets of treats for our troops? Well, they've done it again! A few weeks ago we received even more boxes of cellophane soldier bags that enforce that they "are in our thoughts and prayers." Thanks once again, Sheila and Bob.



[We are enjoying online shipping](#)



Wow. What a difference it makes! After the Care Packages are packed upstairs in our FBC office, they are carried downstairs where Joy adheres the postage, labels, and custom forms, all generated from the computer. The best part is that the postman will come to our office for a pickup instead of Joy or Gary (our pastor) wheeling the packages down to the central post office and waiting in line. Many times we would give up our place in line to people with shorter transactions and sometimes we would make several trips of smaller sizes if we had a large shipment. Now all we have to worry about is if there is enough room in our hallway to stack them.

If you've ever wondered what our workshop looks like, here are some pictures. We have taken over the largest room upstairs and try to keep it as organized as possible. Sometimes that's a joke.



[Email from William Berberan](#)

"I want to say thanks again to you and all who participated, you all have been a huge help in keeping my Marines and me in good spirits. Next time I am back in Quincy I hope to stop by the church and thank you all personally."

[Email from James Primo](#)

"There is no PX here at Camp Dubs....and as far as special needs are concerned we all like our coffee, especially Dunkin Donuts. Military coffee is just what it is....Again thank you and your congregation and community for your morale and spiritual support."

[Thank you to the Montessori School](#)

Tracey Buckeridge, a teacher at the Montessori School in South Hingham, and her son Trevor, came to the FBC office last week and presented us with numerous bags and boxes of donations from a recent troop drive at their school. Wonderful contributions..... and they went out the door to the troops just as fast as they came in. Many thanks to everyone involved!!

[Thank you to Mr. Yetman](#)

Frank Yetman of Hingham is faithful. Every Tuesday he stops by our office with 2 bags of Dunkin' Donuts coffee for the soldiers. You can set your watch by him. Your caring support does not go unnoticed, Frank. You are another example of constancy and loyalty that make a difference.

[Current Donation Requests:](#)

(same as Update #10) Nuts, Little Debbie snacks, gum, hand sanitizer, protein bars, air fresheners, cans of fruit (small). All donations will be sent immediately.

For suggestions go to: http://www.firstbaptistchurchingham.org/html/items_list.html.



NOTES:

The First Baptist Church will pack and ship items for you. Donations may be brought to the FBC Office in the building to the right of the church. There will be a donation box on the porch. FBC is in Hingham Square on the corner of Elm and Main Street, 2 doors up from Loring Theater.

Our "Point Leaders" are soldiers who receive our Care Packages and always have a connection with Hingham. They distribute donated items to their unit, focusing on the greatest need.

For those who prefer to send a financial contribution toward postage instead of shopping for items, it will be gratefully accepted. Please make a check out to First Baptist Church Benevolence Account and note "Care Packages Postage" on the memo line. Mail to 85 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043.



EACH ONE OF YOU IS APPRECIATED!