

LATEST NEWS ABOUT OUR SOLDIERS.....





Hello Supporters,

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

Faithfully,

Joy Thomson, Coordinator

CURRENT POINT LEADERS

- ★ **Eric Burnes** in Afghanistan
- ★ **LCpl Justin Ropke** in Afghanistan
- ★ **1SG James Primo** in Afghanistan
- ★ **SPC John Marquardt** in Afghanistan
- ★ **SPC Ian Nadeau** (redeployed) in Iraq
- ★ **Sgt George Malouf** in Afghanistan 
- ★ **Paul Mancuso** in Afghanistan 
- ★ **SPC John Regina** in Afghanistan 
- ★ **CPL Timothy Ebbs** in Afghanistan 
- ★ **Spc Luis Barrera** in Korea

CUMULATIVE STATS

35 Point Leaders since 2005, some serving multiple times
\$23,440 raised from our Community since 2007
15,300 lbs of donations have been shipped since 2005

CURRENT NEWS:

Luis Barrera has returned safely home



Luis Barrera is shown here with his mother Marylou (the postal clerk who has taken extra good care of our Care Packages at the Hingham Square location), when they stopped by the FBC Office on October 24 to thank all involved for the years of donations where Luis and his unit could feel a bit of home. Luis will be off in a few weeks for another station. All of us wish him the very best as he continues his career in the military. Thank you, Luis, for all your sacrifices.



[Lion's generous donation](#)

In October a black pick-up truck backed up to the FBC Office. The truck bed was overflowing. What's going on? It was further assistance from the faithful Lions Club of Hingham that has given us strong support for years. The Lion's President, Mark Casales, unloaded \$1500 of merchandise that day, just bought at Walmart with careful planning for our troops needs. In addition, the Lion's Club donated \$1000 toward the postage of their items. A very exciting day!

[VFW's generous donation](#)

Also in October we received another \$500 check from the VFW of Hingham, Post 6053. This organization has been continually supportive for years. We appreciate their loyalty to our cause and their trust in our efforts.

[Beware!](#)

The following non-profit organization is soliciting donations from Hingham Residents:

VETERANS OUTREACH CENTER

This organization currently has NO Certificate of Solicitation on file with the AG office.

ZERO PERCENT of your donations will benefit Hingham Veterans who are in need.

[Hugh Ellis has a 70th birthday party](#)

Carole Ellis heard of an idea for her husband, Hugh's, birthday party. She invited friends and family by invitation and also inside was a request to bring donations (she included an item list) and/or a check for Care Package postage for our Soldiers instead of gifts for Hugh. The party was wonderful and the type and quantity of contributions was overwhelming. What an exceptional thing to do! We admire Carole and Hugh so much and give them a lot of credit for doing such an unusual and meaningful thing.

[OK.... drum roll please we have a BIG announcement](#)

Our Care Package Outreach now has an official website for you to check out:

www.SoldiersCarePackages.com

We're in the modern age, folks. Please spread the word. It's a lot easier to do so now with a website.

[Current Donation Requests:](#)

Protein bars, nuts, cans of fruit (small), gum, baby wipes, hand sanitizer, air fresheners. All donations will be sent immediately.

For other suggestions go to: http://www.soldierscarepackages.com/html/needed_items.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!