



OPERATION GRATITUDE WE ALL CAN HELP ~ KIDS TOO!



Operation Gratitude sends 100,000+ Care Packages each year to our Troops. Of all the items included in these packages, the most cherished are the personal letters of appreciation!

Our goal is to include letters and colorful drawings in many Care Packages to tell our troops that “WE CARE!”

Writing a letter is a meaningful way for Americans to show support for our Military. It only takes a few minutes of your day, but will bring lasting joy to our troops.

We need Children’s Drawings to send to our service men and women who are overseas. On an 8½” x 11” sheet of paper, using crayons or colored pencils or magic markers (No glitter), draw or paint a picture of a fun day, your family, your pet, something you did this summer, an animal, a flower, Christmas related, or your favorite activity. Put your first name only in the lower right hand corner. Do not fold the paper and no envelopes please. These happy pictures will be sent to Operation Gratitude and will be included in Care packages sent to our troops.

Our Missions volunteers will send your letters and drawings to Operation Gratitude in Chatsworth, California. All drawings must be finished and put in the designated box near the entrance of each building no later than Monday, November 13, 2017.

Thanks kids, you will send smiles.

Parents can write a letter, too. Letters can be any size paper or stationery (no envelopes). Contact information (mail or email addresses) of adults can be put on the back of drawings or letters, but is not required. Let our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines know we CARE and appreciate their sacrifices. Thank them for their service; let them know they are not forgotten.

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LETTERS

Don't Know Where To Start?

- Start with a greeting, such as *Dear Service Member* or *Dear Hero*.
- Keep your message upbeat.
- Express your thanks for their selfless service.
- Avoid politics completely and religion in excess; however, saying you will pray for them is wonderful.
- Share a little about yourself: Family, Hobbies, Work, Pets.
- Talk about life back home: Sports, Weather, Music, Movies.
- Adults: You may include your contact information (mail or email) on the back of the letter/drawing so the letter/package recipient can reply if he/she chooses to do so.
- Children: **FIRST NAMES ONLY** with parent's mail or email if you want that shared.
- Still can't find the words? Consider drawing a picture instead (No Glitter).

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