

WE HONOR ALL THE BRAVE  
MEN AND WOMEN WHO  
ARE IN FOREIGN LANDS  
WITHOUT THEIR OWN  
FAMILIES, AND WE ARE  
DEDICATED TO HELPING AS  
MANY TROOPS AS POSSIBLE.

*Please join us in gathering donations  
of food, clothing, personal items and hand-  
written letters of support to ship to overseas  
troops.*

For a complete list of requested items, please visit  
[www.thequeen.org/love](http://www.thequeen.org/love).

We also welcome you to submit the APO address of  
troops you know who are overseas so that a package  
can be sent to them.

Please make your check payable to:

Operation: WITH LOVE FROM HOME

*Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent  
allowed by law.*

For more information about this program, call  
707-256-0115

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#### MOST REQUESTED ITEMS

- Letters of support
- Healthy snacks and non-perishable food:
  - Tuna lunch kits (foil pouch of tuna, crackers & condiments)
  - Beef jerky
  - Canned fruit (individual serving cans)
  - Dried fruit (single serving packages)
  - Nuts (esp. sunflower seeds)
- Pre-sweetened flavored beverage mixes (teas, Crystal Light, Gatorade)
- Postage

**Whenever possible, items should be in small,  
TRAVEL-SIZE and/or re-sealable containers.**

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# OPERATION: With LOVE from HOME

## Care Packages for the Troops

OPERATION: WITH LOVE FROM HOME is a project sponsored by Queen of the Valley Medical Center. This non-partisan initiative is geared towards sending care packages to American troops stationed abroad. We would like to acknowledge their efforts on behalf of our country and let them know that they are not forgotten, but in our hearts and prayers.

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The Story behind

# OPERATION: With LOVE from HOME

Lisa Huntley's son, LCpl Mitchell Ray of the Marine Corps, was relatively close to home for Christmas 2008, stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego. During Christmas 2007, that wasn't true; the former Napa resident was in the middle of a seven-month deployment in Iraq, according to Huntley, a radiology tech assistant at Queen of the Valley Medical Center.

To help honor his dedication and that of other military personnel who couldn't be home for the holidays, Huntley contributed materials to The Queen's "Pray for Peace" display case at the hospital.

But a comment from her son about the sadness he felt that his roommate and some of the other troops were not receiving greetings and gifts from home sparked a desire in her to do more. Her son had even sent her money, asking her to buy items for his roommate.

"We were sending stuff to Mitchell, but it just broke my heart to think that some of our men and women in Iraq were not receiving letters and supplies from home, especially during the holidays," says Huntley. "Mitchell told me that the soldiers over there sometimes feel forgotten."

With the support and encouragement from Queen of

the Valley Medical Center, Lisa Huntley went "hospital-wide" with her drive to collect and ship items to soldiers overseas. The response was overwhelming by the employees and the community. In 2007, 134 boxes of necessities and treats were shipped to the troops in Iraq.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Place a collection barrel at your business
- Sponsor a package for \$10.95
- Donate items for care packages (tax deductible)
- Donate funds for shipping costs (tax deductible)
- Donate greeting cards for elementary school students to write to soldiers
- Volunteer to fill packages



Then in 2008, 20 collection barrels were placed throughout the Medical Center and at various businesses. Napans gave enough clothing, non-perishable food items and letters of support to put together 434 care packages.

"No matter how you feel about the war, it's really important that we support the troops in whatever way we can. Operation: With Love from Home is my way of saying, we're thinking of you and appreciate what you are doing for our country," says Huntley.



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