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CARE PACKAGES SENT TO TROOPS

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Members of the Warren County Child Support Enforcement Agency recently solicited donations and sent several care packages to soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Employee Lorie Orth spearheaded the effort to secure private donations and volunteers to ship the care packages to deployed members of the military. Food items, toiletries, books, games, batteries, Beanie Babies, and various other items were compiled, packaged, and shipped overseas.

Orth accumulated enough donated items to fill 29 boxes. "I was amazed by the level of support from the whole county," Orth said.

Orth's husband Jeff is a member of the Ohio Army National Guard. Employee Jenna Hanefeld's husband Jerad is currently deployed with a unit overseas. "I was blown away by the support received. We want to support our loved ones and their fellow soldiers in any way we can," Hanefeld noted.

Agency efforts were recognized by Sergeant First Class Will Grays of the United States Army Reserve, who visited the agency while on mid-tour leave to say thank you. Sergeant Grays presented Orth with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Commanding Officer and Command Sergeant Major of Joint Task Force 1-174, United States Forces-Iraq, for outstanding support of the forces serving in Operation New Dawn.

Orth said the project signified a renewed spirit of recognition toward deployed troops. "I plan on doing it again. It's important to continue to support the troops," she added.



Sergeant First Class Will Grays poses with members of the Warren County Child Support Enforcement Agency during his recent visit. Lorie Orth holds the Certificate of Appreciation given by Sergeant Grays' unit.

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