



Donations pour into Adopt a Soldier drop box

Items collected at Town Hall included Halloween candy from local youngsters

Dozens of donations have poured into the Operation Adopt A Soldier drop box located at Town Hall, including a donation from several local youngsters who collected Halloween candy for our men and women serving abroad.

Students from the Orenda Elementary School in Clifton Park wrote personal notes to the soldiers after collecting six boxes of Halloween candy for them. Parents from the Orenda PTA wrapped the candy and dropped it off at Town Hall earlier this month.

“During the holiday season, I encourage all Clifton Park residents to support our men and women in the military, many of whom are far from home,” Supervisor Phil Barrett said. “Even a small item will remind our soldiers that we are thinking of them and we hold them in our hearts and prayers.”

Another local resident, Susan Bohling, recently dropped off 20 individual care packages made by her children, including a personalized holiday note card written by 2nd-and 5th-graders from the Karigon Elementary School in Clifton Park.

The large collection box was placed in the first-floor lobby of Town Hall last month and will remain there through the end of the year. Items most needed by our soldiers include sun screen, lip balm, socks, toilet paper, sanitary wipes, magazines and many other personal care and comfort products.

Other items that can be accepted include candy bars, trail mix, tooth paste, deodorant, newspapers, shaving cream and much more. A full list of needed items is available online at www.cliftonpark.org.

Operation Adopt A Soldier drop boxes are also located in Clifton Park at the Mail Center USA of Clifton Park on Grooms Road and the Pioneer Bank on Route 146 near Route 146A.

Since it was founded in 2003, Operation Adopt A Soldier has sent more than 1,300 cases of items to thousands of soldiers abroad.



Clifton Park resident Susan Bohling drops off 20 individual care packages made by her children containing items from the Soldiers' list, each with a personalized Holiday note card written by students at Karigon Elementary School in Clifton Park.



Cliff Sequin, founder and organizer of Operation Adopt A Soldier, picked up boxes of items donated by Clifton Park residents, school groups and community organizations to the Adopt A Soldier drop box at Clifton Park Town Hall.



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