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We Care Program

Last year the We Care Program was part of Crown Chapters Sensational Saturday event and the donations we received just took your breath away. This year Crown Chapter took a different approach and placed this awesome program in the hands of myself and my husband, Micheal.

First, you should know that we have a son that has completed two deployments to Iraq and is scheduled to be deployed to Afghanistan in 2011, so we fully understand how important it is to get these boxes and notes to the soldiers. We were very excited and honored to get the word out and the packages going, so we created flyers and handed them out to friends, family, neighbors, brothers and sisters. We have a collection box at the Temescal Palms Lodge #314 and 4 other boxes at local area business.

We started with a list of 46 names (1 missing an address) and have since added 4 more names, from family members or friends that first saw the flyers and then inquired about the program. With the generous support both financially and with item donations from our Masonic and Star family, friends, neighbors and the community we have been able to send out 45 Christmas cards, 49 Information packages from Military One Source and 41 packages as of August 2009. We have just 7 names on our list to send packages to and I'm sure with the continued support and donations those will be on their way in no time.

In the sharing and participating with the We Care Program, we have met and talked to many wonderful people. We have been able to share stories of family members away from home and yes, a few hugs and tears.

Thank you to all who have donated in any and every way, they have allowed us to send pieces of home to those so far away. We have had a wonderful time, but we are not done yet, so remember all donations make a difference and if you have family or friends serving please get their information to us and we will get something out to them.

Star Love,
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