



November 2, 2015

Valley Fire Protection Systems
Attn: Chelsea Elkins
8635 Louisiana Place
Merrillville, IN 46410

Dear Chelsea,

On behalf of Operation Gratitude and the heroes who receive our care packages, I thank you for your continuing support of our mission. Your generous donation of 7 CD's & DVD's and assorted items will enable us to keep sending our lovingly-filled **Care Packages** to the tens of thousands of brave men and women still deployed overseas in harsh and remote areas; to their children anxiously awaiting their return; and to New Recruits and First Responders across our great country.

With your sustained commitment and kindness, we have been able to send more than **1.3 Million Operation Gratitude Care Packages** containing snacks, hygiene products, entertainment and hand-made items, and personal letters of appreciation. As you may have seen on our sites over the years, these expressions of love and concern from fellow citizens offer our Military & First Responders a much-deserved **"Thank You For Your Service"** and are always greeted with enthusiasm and great appreciation.

A young Army Lieutenant recently wrote:

"Thank you for the care package and kind words/letters contained within. I have tried to personally write all those that left return addresses, but wanted to express my profound gratitude to your organization. I have deployed on multiple occasions and I can speak with certainty that nothing makes a day more bright than receiving a care package. Although we love the contents, it's more the symbolism that folks out there appreciate the sacrifices Soldiers are making on a daily basis out here. It is easy to forget that we have been deployed continuously for over 13 years, and far too often the general public forgets Soldiers are still deployed on the front lines. Thank you again for your continued support, the Soldiers really do appreciate your efforts."

To read all the current letters of thanks from our recipients and to see their photos with your Operation Gratitude care packages, please "Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/OperationGratitude and "follow" us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/OpGratitude, Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/opgratitude> and Instagram: <https://instagram.com/opgratitude/>

In 2013, we celebrated the assembly and delivery of our One Millionth Care Package - all made possible by your support. We hope you will continue to join us as we now march towards **Two Million Care Packages!**

Thank you again for your ongoing thoughtfulness and patriotic spirit. Every single donation we receive furthers our mission of saying "Thank You" to those who serve. The recipients of your generosity will remember your kindness forever. And I will always be appreciative of your support and encouragement for Operation Gratitude.

Fondly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Blashek".

Carolyn Blashek, President

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