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Marine Parents holds drives to collect items for Marines in Afghanistan

This summer The Care Package Project, an outreach program of MarineParents.com, Inc., is asking for donations of baby wipes and T-shirts to include in the care packages they routinely send to Marines stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq. The goal is to collect 1100 T-shirts and 1100 packages of baby wipes by the August 28 packing date. In order to include these items in every care package, 791 more T-shirts and 986 more packages of baby wipes are needed.

MarineParents.com is an IRS approved public charity that offers support, information and services for U.S. Marines and their families. Through private and corporate donations and proceeds from its online store, the organization funds several outreach programs that encourage troop support. Over 700 volunteers in 31 states work hard to make these programs successful. As of January 2010, Marine Parents has mailed 38,000 cards to injured Marines and served 6,080 meals to recovering Marines and their families at military hospitals.

With the support of thousands of individuals through donations, fundraising and care package drives, The Care Package Project has shipped 24,246 care packages since its founding. The project was started in 2004 and ships over 1000 care packages to Marines five times a year.

For more information on The Care Package Project or to make a donation, visit <u>http://www.marineparents.com/summer</u>