

MILITARY CARE PACKAGE SUMMARY 2019

84 Care Boxes sent out in 2018. This is a decrease of 10 boxes over 2018. Family illness called me to Texas for several weeks and I believe this is the reason for the decrease. I've continued to send out 2 boxes per week when I am home.

Total Postage costs: \$1451.25 Average Postage per box-\$17.28. This is comparable to 2018 (\$17.13)

Total "Shopping" costs: \$3573.76. Average Expenditure per box- \$42.54. This is about \$10 more per box than 2018 (\$32.25). Spending costs are variable due to price increases and the number of snack donations received. Donations of snacks/items reduce the amount spent.

Average Cost for each Care Package: \$59.82.

The average cost for each Care Package has increased by about \$10, caused by the increase in "shopping" costs. The financial support for this ministry has continued. Grace Church members continue to be the primary source of income, but community support continues, and some members of our community faithfully support the program monthly. Community members can mail or deliver donations to me or to Grace UM Church, 100 Central Ave, Oil City PA 16301.

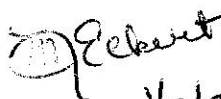
The funding for this project does not come from the church's budget. It exists because of the generosity of the people at Grace Church and our community. All financial donations are processed through Grace Church for accountability. I provide all postage and shopping receipts to the church and am reimbursed for expenditures from your donations. A HUGE thank-you goes to Leeann McCullough, Financial Secretary, for her work on this project.

I will continue to share thank you notes from military recipients. The appreciation from our military is a blessing to me. I am overwhelmed by their appreciation and by the generosity of all who support this program. I began sending Care Packages when my son was in Iraq in 2004-05. He set a letter concerned about "guys who don't get enough mail". Together, all of us can continue to address that need. (I also ask that you keep all our veterans in your prayers. No one comes home from war unchanged.)

My list of names has been steadily decreasing. **Please continue to send me the names/addresses of military personnel serving either stateside or deployed.** All are serving us. I will continue this ministry so long as I have military names and financial support.

If you have questions, suggestions, or any input for this program, feel free to contact me. Thank you and God bless you for your faithful support.

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