

CALL FOR DONATIONS: WOUNDED WARRIOR MINISTRY CENTER

Since 2005, the Lake Mills United Methodist Church Children's Council has had a Care Package Program in place where letters and packages have been sent to soldiers serving in Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan.

Now, the Lake Mills United Methodist Church has found a new mission and needs your help: the Landstuhl Hospital Care Project (LHCP). LHCP is a non-profit organization that provides comfort and relief items for military members who become sick, injured, or wounded from service in Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan.

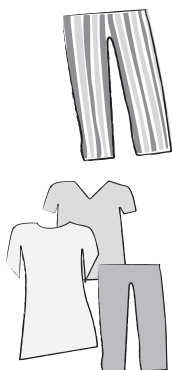



- The purpose of the program is to enhance the morale and welfare for troops and veterans by contributing quality of life items.
- Donations to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC), are done through the Wounded Warrior Ministry Center. This allows all in-patients, outpatients, LRMC liaisons, LRMC nurses, and medical escorts access to supplies.
- Donated items are distributed to patients at LRMC in Germany, the largest American military hospital outside the U.S.; to field hospitals in Afghanistan and Iraq; and to VA facilities throughout the United States.

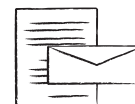
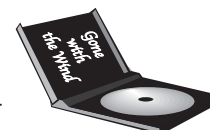
Hospital staff report that when patients learn that they and their fallen service members are remembered "back home," spirits are lifted. *Please help us help our troops!*



5 ITEMS WE NEED:



1. New flannel pajama pants
2. DVD movies - no extreme violence or nudity.
3. Hospital scrubs and hospital gowns
*Very large sizes needed the most.
These can be gently used, but must be clean.*
4. Girl Scout cookies - 
These have already been generously donated.
5. Letters of support - *see guidelines, separate sheet.*



FINAL COLLECTION DATE: APRIL 20

DROP-OFF SITE: LAKE MILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOYER

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Questions?

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or speak to confirmand, DJ Lucas.



WRITING TO DEPLOYED TROOPS

LETTER WRITING GUIDELINES

Would you like to write a letter to deployed service men and women, but aren't sure what to say, especially if the person has been wounded or injured? LHCP includes letters to troops in shipments we send to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

We screen all letters that we send, and we ask that you follow these few guidelines:

Don'ts:

- Do not write about explosions, loss of body parts, or questioning whether the recipient has killed someone.
- No negative news.
- Please do not make any negative remarks about the military or government.
- Do not use foul or vulgar language.
- No children's return addresses.
- No envelopes.
- No glitter, noodles, or any other type decoration that falls off easily—stickers are fine.

Dos:

- Keep your letters upbeat and positive, we're trying to be a source of encouragement!
- Address your letters to "Dear Military Member" instead of "Hero" or "Wounded Warrior" because many letters are posted on bulletin boards for nurses and doctors to read, as well as patients and troops who are checking in on buddies.
- Be newsy and give a sense of home—write about local events in your town, your life, your pets, your sports team.
- Make each letter personal and unique.
- If you are working with a group of letter writers (school, church, scouts, etc.), please use a uniform size note (5 x 7 index card, or half of an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper; a printable file with 2 cards on a page and the LHCP logo is available on our website under the SPONSORS button at www.landstuhlhospitalcareproject.org).

A few words from LHCP founder and president Karen Grimord, who has volunteered multiple times at LRMC: *Talking to the guys and gals, they want to know what is going on here in America. They like to know what you are doing and about troop support back home. Tell them about LHCP and how we support them. Tell them their buddies have not been forgotten, as we honor the fallen with each of our shipments. They want to know what the weather is like where you are from and what is going on in your state. They exchange letters, so if they are not from your state and someone else is, they will give that letter to that person. Follow up state and local items with a little bit about yourself and your family. Make each letter a little different because they do share letters. I hear it is frustrating to think you have a large box of new letters to distribute and find out they are all the same. Thank you for taking the time to write a meaningful, personal note to brighten the days of our service members far from home. - Karen Grimord*

Letters can be sent to:

Landstuhl Hospital Care Project
29 Greenleaf Terrace
Stafford, VA 22556

