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## Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry's Serving Our Soldiers Program Sends Holiday Care Packages to the Troops

On Friday, December 11, 2009, Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry's Serving Our Soldiers (SOS) program mailed holiday care packages to American soldiers serving on military bases across the world.

The 20 soldiers receiving the holiday gift packages have loved ones participating in the SOS program, an internal initiative that offers "Support the Troop" type giving and volunteer opportunities to over 3,500 Summit County government employees.



The medium, flat rate boxes were stuffed with a mix of comfort items, food, movies, personal care products, recreational materials and more.

"I believe the recipients will find the items from The University of Akron, The Peanut Shoppe and Don Drumm Studios & Galleries most comforting," stated Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry. "Sometimes a little piece of home can go a long way."

Bridgestone Firestone North America Tire, LLC, Don Drumm Studios & Gallery, Graphic Enterprise Office Solutions, Inc., REB Marketing, the Summit County General Health District and Summit County Sheriff Drew Alexander's Office donated a significant portion of the items transported. Fillers were purchased with the dollars raised through the SOS Thanksgiving Day Pie Sale.

"I would like to express a sincere, heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to this holiday giving project," added Pry. "All of the kind and generous donations will help bring joy to many of our hometown soldiers who can't be with us this holiday season."

In addition to sending care packages, SOS volunteers have mailed letters of appreciation to men and women

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serving in the armed forces, secured calling cards for soldiers and donated hundreds of personal care items to homeless and displaced veterans.

For more information on Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry's Serving Our Soldiers program, dial 1-877-767-6622.

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