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Local Students Send Gifts of Hope to Soldiers at War

Tucson, AZ - Throughout the month of November, the Canyon Del Oro High School Chapters of Future Business Leaders of America and American Sign Language Club are coordinating a service project for soldiers overseas, known as "Adopting CDO's Own". The student groups are collecting items such as snacks (in hard containers), socks, magazines, and letters for soldiers who are connected to their school (i.e., former students and their family members).

Once the supplies are collected, the students will box them and ship them overseas to U.S. troops. The students are seeking assistance with the cost sending the supplies. Donations are being accepted and will go towards buying military standard boxes from the post office as well as paying the cost of overseas postage. The students will be accepting donations through November 21.

These students intend to benefit from this project significantly. Aside from serving a charitable purpose, students participating in this project are learning valuable skills including; networking, time management, promoting, leadership, organizing events, and media relations to promote awareness of their project.

"This project is aimed towards helping our soldiers who are fighting for our country. We had a CDO alum who is currently in the military come and visit us while he was on leave. He told us about the excitement of his work and how much he enjoyed it, and also shared some not so great experiences he and his platoon have had. He explained that when soldiers get presents and letters it brightens their day and makes them feel "at home for a while", whether they have families or not," said Neala Sillman, Teacher and FLBA Club Sponsor at CDO High School. "Every little bit we can do to help would be a great success for us and a great way for helping out our troops."

Donations should be directed to the FBLA of CDO and sent directly to the high school at 25 W. Calle Concordia, Oro Valley, AZ 85704.

CDO High School is one of the 22 schools and programs in the Amphitheater Public School District that serves the educational needs of over 16,000 Northwest Tucson and Oro Valley students.

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