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Staples Employees in Florence Kentucky Care Contact Center employees give to the troops through USA Cares "Operation Brave Boxer"

Radcliff, KY Diminutive Cheryl Bruce, the Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator of USA Cares, was summoned to the lobby where a panting US Postal Carrier was stacking a virtual wall of carefully packaged boxes. Each was labeled "Care of Operation Brave Boxer" and each was heavy enough to make others in the office wonder what could be inside.

Cheryl looked up at the curious office staff that was waiting to assist her in relocating the shipment since it had created a temporary roadblock and exclaimed "These are from the Staples people in Florence, Kentucky!" She added "I knew that they were going to be sending some items but, my goodness, look at all they have done!"

As it turns out, members of the Staples Contact Center in Florence, KY had seen the organization's National Spokesman, Dennis Miller talk about the good work done by USA Cares, went to the USA Cares website and decided to make the organization's "Operation Brave Boxer" the recipient of a donation drive they wanted to do for our service members. Several of the members of the Contact Center have a family member or friend in the military, so this "hits home" for them. This program made it easy for them to give their support to the troops.



Cheryl Bruce looks over part of the Staples employees' generous donation to Operation Brave Boxer

Cheryl Bruce also explained that the name "Operation Brave Boxer" was chosen because undergarments are one of the main necessities the troops need and boxer shorts are relatively unisex. She went on to say "This means that we can provide the temporary help that both male and female service members need while convalescing as well as other personal items like T-shirts, socks, shampoo, soap and many other things." She then concluded by adding "This contribution from the people at Staples is the largest single 'Brave Boxer' contribution since the program started. We cannot begin to express our appreciation enough."

About Staples

Staples, the world's largest office products company, is committed to making it easy for customers to buy a wide range of office products, including supplies, technology, furniture, and business services. With \$27 billion in sales, Staples serves businesses of all sizes and consumers in 27 countries throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. In July 2008,

Staples acquired Corporate Express, one of the world's leading suppliers of office products to businesses and institutions. Staples invented the office superstore concept in 1986 and is headquartered outside Boston. More information about Staples (Nasdaq: SPLS) is available at www.staples.com.

About USA Cares

USA Cares is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that helps military families bear the burdens of service with financial and advocacy support. Its mission: To assist wounded heroes and their families, to prevent home foreclosures and evictions and to help with basic needs during financial crisis. In five years, USA Cares has received more than 13,000 requests and distributed more than \$5 million in grants. Military families anywhere in America can apply for assistance through the USA Cares web site, <http://www.usacares.org/> or by calling 1-800-773-0387. For more information on USA Cares contact John Revell, jrevell@usacares.org or (270) 352-5451.

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