



April 2, 2019

Girl Scouts of Colorado  
Attn: Niklas Johnson  
3801 E. Florida Avenue, Suite 720  
Denver, CO 80210

Dear Niklas,

My deepest thanks for your generous donation of 639 units of various chocolates and nut tins and your dedication to our mission. Your kindness will enable us to send over **250,000 'chock full' Care Packages** this year to the tens of thousands of brave men and women still deployed overseas in harsh and remote areas; to their children anxiously awaiting their return; and to Veterans, New Recruits, First Responders, Wounded Heroes and their Care Givers.

With the help of supporters nationwide since 2003, we have sent more than **2 Million Operation Gratitude Care Packages** containing snacks, hygiene products, entertainment and hand-made items, and personal letters from appreciative Americans. These expressions of love and concern from fellow citizens offer our Military & Veterans a much-deserved **"Thank You For Your Service"** and are always greeted with enthusiasm and great appreciation.

As one Navy Sailor and New York Police Department Officer recently wrote:

*"Every box, every piece of paper, every cloth, every book, every pen, every pencil, every notebook, every brush, every tooth paste, every shower gel, every puzzle, every magazine, every letter, every piece of candy..... means a lot to us when we are away from home. It gives us Hope, Confidence, Happiness, Strength & Pride that somebody think about us, that someone is there for us. Thank You all. God Bless America."*

We celebrated the delivery of our Two Millionth Care Package on December 9, 2017 - all made possible by your support! I hope you'll visit our Social Media sites to see pictures of the event!

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and wonderful patriotic spirit. Every single donation we receive furthers our mission of saying "Thank You" to those who serve. The recipients of your generosity will remember your kindness forever. As a 20-year Marine and the new CEO of this amazing organization, I will always be appreciative of your support and encouragement for Operation Gratitude. You are truly making a difference!

With warm regards,

**Kevin M. Schmiegel, CEO**  
**540.419.7263**

p.s. To read the most current letters of thanks from our troops and see photos of them with your Operation Gratitude care packages, please "Like" us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/OperationGratitude](http://www.facebook.com/OperationGratitude) and "follow" us on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/OpGratitude](http://www.twitter.com/OpGratitude) and Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/opgratitude>

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