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Vienna Teens Work to Provide Support for Troops

U.S. troops serving overseas are about to get some care packages from the home front. Vienna's Club Phoenix Teen Council is teaming up with the HeroBox organization to launch a donation drive to support U.S. armed forces deployed across the world, and they need your help to make the drive a success! Now through March 7, residents who wish to help may drop off the following items at the Vienna Community Center:

- New socks and undershirts
- Non-perishable food items such as beef jerky, canned tuna, or dried fruit
- Hygiene items such as body wipes, hand sanitizer, and sunscreen
- Other common supplies like pens, books, or journals.

"Club Phoenix supported our troops overseas by writing "A Million Thanks" letters during the holiday season," said Ianna Alhambra, the Town's After School Program Coordinator. "We wanted to continue supporting them, so we teamed up with HeroBox, an organization that helps troops year-round."

The donation drive will give the teen council, made up of nine Vienna teens ranging from 7th to 12th grade, volunteer experience this spring. The center hopes to fill at least 20 medium size USPS care packages for 20 military personnel with 15-20 items per package. Once the drive concludes on March 7, the donated items will be packed and scheduled for pick up.

The Vienna Community Center is located at 120 Cherry St. SE. Donations may be dropped off at the Community Center lobby, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Saturday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday from 12-6 p.m. Donations may also be dropped off at Club Phoenix Teen Center (located in the Community Center's basement) Monday-Thursday, 2:30-6:30 p.m. and Fridays, 2:30-9 p.m.

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