

Supplies for the GIs

By Cheryl Wooten

Eleven years ago, Cherie Cope's son-in-law was a marine deployed to Iraq. Cherie and her family faithfully sent cards, letters and care packages during his time away. Thankful for their love and support, he mentioned to Cherie that there were a large number of soldiers serving with him who had never received anything from home. Many of them were depressed and despondent, especially during the holidays, feeling like no one cared. He asked Cherie if she could find sponsors for Marines in Iraq. And this is how Supplies for the GIs was born, letting them know they are loved and appreciated by folks back home. Since then, Cherie and her group have sent thousands of care packages, cards and letters to overseas troops at Christmastime.



Two enthusiastic volunteers.

Each year in August, Cherie, with the help of area schools in Porter, Lake and Jasper counties, begins to gather supplies from a wish-list of the most wanted items by the soldiers. In addition, area residents, businesses, churches and social groups have

supply drives to collect items. Then, in November, it's all hands on deck with volunteers coming together to sort and organize the donated supplies and fill the care packages.

This year, Sort Day is on Saturday, November 19th at 1:00 p.m. until finished and Packing Day is on Sunday, November 20th at 12:30 p.m. until finished. Both days the event is at Hangar C9 at the Porter County Regional Airport in Valparaiso (4207 Murvihill Rd). Hangar C9 is in the third row of hangars starting on the west end. If you would like to lend a hand, your help would be truly appreciated. You can simply show up on either or both days.

You, too, can help make the holidays special for the men and women serving overseas. The wish list can be found on their website: www.supplies4gis.com. In addition, they accept cash donations to help with the cost of postage (\$16 per box). Donations can be made on their website or directly at any Centier Bank location. The account is under Supplies4GIs. If you have a loved one serving anywhere outside the United States and would like Supplies for the GIs to send them a package, you can fill out a form on their website.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Cherie Cope at 219-663-5661 or 219-718-8385 or email ccope60@hotmail.com and include supplies4gis in the subject line.



Claudia Miller Forrest
219-405-2639



Judy Fischer
219-508-5700



2015

Over 20 Million in Sales President's Award for TOP SALES and QUALITY SERVICE

96 HOMES SOLD

503 SILHAVY RD, VALPARAISO



NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

Loading care packages for delivery to the post office.



Lewyckj • Taglia • Felton Eye Clinics

Valparaiso 1.800.393.8257 • Crown Point 1.800.258.7794 • Munster 1.800.964.8892

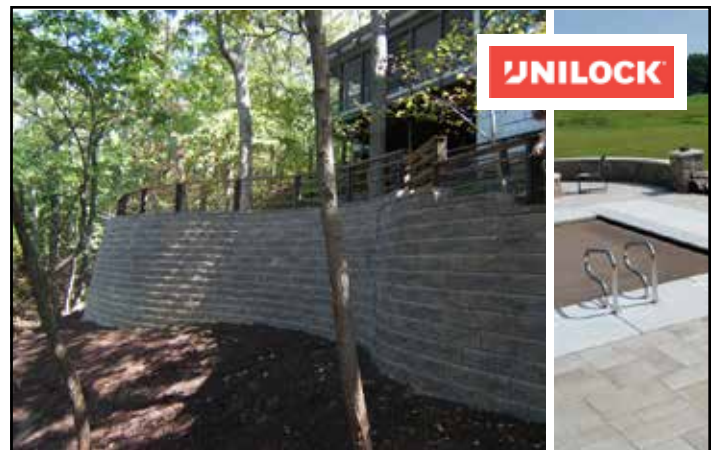
1.800.393.8257

COMPREHENSIVE OPHTHALMOLOGY & OPTOMETRY

Pediatric Ophthalmology
Advanced Glaucoma Surgery
Glaucoma Specialist Available
Routine Eye Exams

State of the Art Cataract Surgery
LASIK Vision Correction
(Free LASIK Screening)

ASK ABOUT OUR SUNGLASS SALE





GOETZ

LANDSCAPING 

QUALITY INSTALLATION
that will stand the test of time

219-465-0876
www.goetzlandscaping.com
202 Rigg Rd., Valparaiso

Goetz Landscaping began as a hobby and has turned into a thriving family business. We pride ourselves on not only the selection of plants and materials, but also the quality of our products and our services, and we try to offer them at a competitive price.

Unilock® Authorized Contractors are renowned for their exceptional craftsmanship, attention to detail and in-depth experience with a wide range of paving and outdoor living projects. You'll rest easy knowing you've hired the best!

Trademarks used herein belong to their respective owners and are used by permission.