WKU ALIVE Center Encourages Youth to Make Cards for Soldiers

The WKU Department of Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport (KRS) is organizing its final shipment of care packages to its adopted troops currently serving in Afghanistan, and this shipment will include something special from area youth. Along with the essential items being donated, youth are making cards to show their appreciation for the soldiers.

The ALIVE Center has been a drop-off location for items to be sent to Command Sergeant Major John Brownell, a WKU student, stationed in Afghanistan and his unit since February. To show support and appreciation for his unit and all American soldiers, the youth began making cards to be shipped to them this summer at Community Education’s Stand for Children Day. At the end of the day, the youth made 138 cards—short of the 550 needed for each member of the unit.

Since the call for cards was announced, Boys & Girls Club and Community Education have joined the ALIVE Center and are making cards as well. If any youth or youth groups are interested in making cards for the soldiers, please feel free to contact the ALIVE Center at 270-782-0082 or visit the Center at 1818 31W By-Pass in Bowling Green.

Cards and donations are being accepted until July 29 for the packages to be mailed on August 1. If anyone would also like to donate supplies for the care packages, the items being collected are deodorant, body wash, baby powder, cotton swabs, nail clippers, disposable razors, shaving cream, anti-fog lens wipes, Purex 3-in-1 laundry sheets, and white or brown towels. They also enjoy beef jerky, gum, white/ankle-length socks, dryer sheets, biodegradable baby wipes, and assorted magazines. Dental tools are also needed, so area dentists are encouraged to donate any tools available.