



Thursday April 17, 2008

Updated: 6:57 a.m.

Search post-gazette NOW:

[?](#) Text Size: A| A|

**post-gazette** **NOW** **Neighborhoods**  
*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

A

NOW|NEWS|**NEIGHBORHOODS**|SPORTS|BUSINESS|LIVING|A & E|MULTIMEDIA|OPINION

CarsJobsReal EstateClassifieds

CityEastWestNorthSouthWashingtonWestmorelandHigh School News WirePittsburgh 250

 Neighborhoods

- [Haunted in Homestead?](#)
- [Seeking tales of Pirates legend](#)
- [Mystery in West Elizabeth](#)
- [Versailles may hire ambulances](#)
- [Elizabeth man raising flowers, funds for charity](#)

# Baldwin teen group joins effort to help soldiers

Thursday, April 17, 2008  
By Jim McMahon

Dori Gorczyca has a large collection of those fuzzy, collectible Beanie Babies that will soon find their way from her Baldwin Borough bedroom to Iraq, where she is hopeful they will become goodwill gifts.

Dori, 14, a freshman at Baldwin High School, is a member of the Whitehall Public Library's Teen Advisory Group that will pack items, such as the Beanie Babies, from 5 to 6 p.m. tomorrow in the borough's Community Room. Then they will be shipped to Iraq as part of the borough's Any Soldier Campaign.

"It is very important that teens learn about those serving in the military, especially those in Iraq," Licia Slimon, teen librarian said. "It's a way to connect and provide much-needed support and personal items to troops."

The youth group, ages 12 to 15, meets every other Friday during the school year. Members decided to participate in the program after a presentation by the borough's Diamond Outreach group, which started the effort in February.

Diamond Outreach is an association made up of representatives of council, recreation board and library, who have joined the nationwide program called the Any Soldier Campaign to collect food and personal hygiene items to be sent to soldiers serving overseas.

The borough project originally intended to run through Memorial Day has been extended indefinitely.





Donation collection boxes are located at the library, Allegheny County Airport, Whitehall Elementary School and the Brentwood VFW.

A list of items being collected is available at the library, and more information on the campaign can be found at [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com).

Money is needed to cover mailing costs and to purchase other items. Donations should be mailed to the Whitehall Diamond Outreach, Box 97962, Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

Jim McMahon is a freelance writer.

First published on April 17, 2008 at 6:22 am

-  Subscribe and save
-  Live traffic updates
-  Report news to the PG
-  Dining Guide

- Get E
- Subscribe
- Shop the
- Place a C
- Coupons

- Calendar
- vs alerts
- podcasts
- pictures



**Making plans to dine or unwind?**  
**Use our Dining & Entertainment Guide**

**POST-GAZETTE.COM**  
**MOVIE GUIDE**

Ticketing Provided By  
**FANDANGO**

Browse showtimes and theaters  
 Watch movie trailers • Buy your tickets from home

featured **HOMES**

[Mcdonald s Fsbo s 201 Compass Ct...](#)

\$3,000

[Staunton Heights Of Moon Township Luxury...](#)

\$339,900

[located on a Corner lot In...](#)

\$392,999

[Monroeville \\$195k; Open Sun 12-3;...](#)

\$195,000

[By Owner, Newer Large Custom Home...](#)

\$525,000



## featured **RENTALS**

[Shadyside 1000+ Apts, Www.mozartrents.com](#)

For...

\$

[Ford City/kittanning Area Riverfront Tonwhouse...](#)

\$995

[MT. Lebanon "great Locations" • Academy...](#)

\$395

[Carnegie Park 2BR \\$585+ Elec. Secure Bldg...](#)

\$585

[Turtle Creek Rent TO OWN 3...](#)

\$795



Online: [Contact Us](#) [Site Map](#) [Terms of Use](#) [Privacy Policy](#) [Advertise About Us](#) [What's New](#) [Help](#) [Corrections](#)

Print: [Home Delivery](#) [Payment](#) [Vacation](#) [Address Change](#) [Rates](#) [Customer Service](#) [Delivery Questions](#) [Back Copies](#) [Specials](#) [Gift](#)

[Subscriptions](#) [Newsstand](#) [FAQ](#)

Copyright ©1997 - 2008 PG Publishing Co., Inc. All Rights Reserved.