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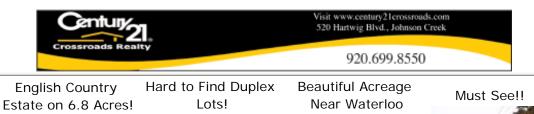


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Local hair salon owner sponsors four soldiers

By Teresa Stowell of the Daily Times staff Monday, November 12, 2007 12:30 PM CST

A local hair salon owner is trying to make a difference in the lives of four soldiers serving overseas.





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Anthony Chentis, owner and operator of Anthony's 511, wanted to help a soldier stationed overseas who didn't have any contacts here in the United States. He found a soldier at www.anysoldier.com and began packing boxes.

"The first soldier I found happened to be a woman and she said the women over there needed girlie things like hair ties, shampoo, anti-friz gel and other items," Chentis said. "I told her she was speaking to the right person."

Chentis gathered up as many items as he could and soon his clients began helping. He had so many items to send over that he decided to sponsor three other soldiers. Now he is sending gift boxes to three women and one man serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and Serbia.

"It doesn't matter if your a Republican or Democrat, if you support the war or don't," Chentis said. "Everyone wants to do something for our soldiers."

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The packages take about three weeks to get to the soldiers. Chentis rotates the items sending a hygiene package one time and a recreational package the next. Some boxes even include items to give to children in the areas they are stationed. Clients drop off items and also many letters are sent. Videos and DVDs are included in the recreational packages.

"It's all the little things you don't even think about that matter the most," Chentis said. "Reading material is a great item for soldiers. I have sent three years worth of my magazines I've saved to these soldiers in a month and a half."

Wanting to help a soldier really began when Chentis' friends' brother Matthew Zindars passed away in July while serving the Marines in Iraq.

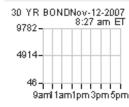
"With Matthew dying it really brought everything into perspective," Chentis said. "I just want them all to come home and for them to know that people here are thinking of them."

To donate items to send to one of the four soldiers sponsored by Chentis drop off items at the hair salon at Anthony's 511, 511 E. Main St., Watertown. With Christmas a month away Chentis hopes to send over Christmas related items. For more information, call 261-6678.





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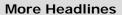
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