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Sun Valley Class Sends Items to Troops Overseas

Aston, PA: Sun Valley Business teacher, Mr. Kevin Dougherty, shared an email he received from a friend's brother, who is stationed in Afghanistan, with his students. The email outlined the Spartan living conditions for our troops as they fight to defend freedom. Soldiers have to ration the majority of their food because they are not sure when more will come. Often they do not enjoy running water, so they need to rely on wet wipes to "shower." The students were impressed by how well the soldiers stay together as a unit and continue to work well and keep morale high in the face of these challenges.

Mr. Dougherty and his students were moved to action by the description given to them by the soldier. Students brought in food, hygiene items, socks, etc. In all, his students brought in over 400 items to be sent over to our troops in Afghanistan. Students were very enthusiastic about this endeavor. "When I first decided to do this fundraiser, I did not have a set number of items in mind," said Mr. Dougherty. "Due to the generous spirit of the students in my classes, we had over 400 items to send to our troops overseas. I am so proud of my students' generosity and for supporting our service men and women serving their country!"

Mr. Dougherty received thanks from Penn-Delco parents for his efforts, as well as thanks from soldiers in Afghanistan. One of the soldiers stationed in Afghanistan, Kevin Barrow, wrote to the class offering thanks for the items. "I want to thank you for taking the time to put together the care packages that you sent to us. We appreciate it and are very grateful that we have you and your students supporting us. We are doing good work out here and doing our best to save lives so that everyone can return home to their families. Please tell your class thank you for me."

Mr. Pete Donaghy, Principal of Sun Valley High School, notes, "This drive speaks volumes about the type of students and teachers we have here at Sun Valley. The efforts of our students to support those who sacrifice so much for us, is what makes this community and this country great. I applaud and thank them for their efforts."

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