



# SENDING HOPE. GIFTING JOY.

## Stockings for the Troops

### DONATION DRIVE DATES:

October 27th – November 20th, 2025

Join us in bringing holiday cheer to our troops overseas! With your help and support, the YMCA of Orange County will send stockings filled with much-needed items and pieces of home to our military families.



### HOW IT ALL COMES TOGETHER:

- 1** **Donations Collected:** YMCA OC Child Care Sites, Health & Wellness Centers, and Association Office.
- 2** **YMCA Child Care Stuffing Party:** Staff and students sort donations and fill stockings.
- 3** **Stockings Shipped to Troops:** Words of Comfort, Hope & Promise packs and ships all stockings overseas.
- 4** **Troops Receive Stockings:** Our troops enjoy the holidays with a taste of home.



**YMCA OF ORANGE COUNTY**

Find your nearest donation site at [ymcaoc.org/donation-drives](https://ymcaoc.org/donation-drives)



# ITEMS NEEDED

## CONSUMABLES

- Candy canes
- Starbucks Via® coffees – our troops' favorite!
- Peanut butter or cheese & crackers snack packs
- Cup of Noodles® or Easy Mac® macaroni & cheese
- Starkist® tuna & crackers snack packs
- Nature Valley® Sweet & Salty Peanut bars
- Gatorade Propel® dry powder packets
- Cliff® Bars/Protein bars

## INDIVIDUAL SNACK PACKS

- Assorted bags of nuts
- Dried fruits/raisins
- Cheez-Its® or Cracker Jacks®
- Trail mix
- Sunflower seeds
- Beef jerky/Slim Jim®
- Corn Nuts®
- Store-bought cookies

## ESSENTIALS

- Christmas stockings, 7" wide x 19" long
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss
- Chewing gum
- Hand warmer packets
- Socks
- Pocket or purse size package of baby wipes
- Letters and Christmas cards, addressed to "Dear Armed Forces"

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS CAN FIT IN A 7" X 19" STOCKING**

*(all donations are tax deductible)*

