



HALLOWEEN CANDY GIVE-BACK

Operation Gratitude includes a handful of candy in every Care Package they send. A major source of these sweet treats is their popular Halloween Candy Give-Back Program hosted by generous dentists, businesses, groups, and families in October and November each year.

Join the SJS 2nd grade Brownie Girl Scout Troop 2025 in saying a sweet THANK YOU to the United States Service Members, Veterans and First Responders by donating extra Halloween candy November 5th, 6th and 7th.

The extra Halloween candy will be shipped via Operation Gratitude's Halloween Candy Give Back program with the help of the Crescent Springs UPS store.

How can you help? Follow these simple steps:

1. Collect candy as normal by trick-or-treating in your neighborhood on Halloween
2. Sort your candy and choose what you'd like to keep and what you'd like to donate
3. Bring the donated candy to SJS Nov 5, 6, or 7 and drop it in the collection bin located near the office
4. A box will also be available for 'thank you' letters for anyone who would like to write a note or draw a picture for our Troops, Veterans, or First Responders

DO	DON'T
Donate your unwanted individually wrapped fun-sized Halloween candy	Don't include large bags of loose candy (e.g. candy corn or m&ms); loose sugar, powder candy (e.g. pixie stix)
Write a thank you letter or drawing for Service Members, Veterans, and First Responders	Don't include toys (e.g. plastic rings, charms, fake teeth)
	Don't purchase bags of candy to send. This is intended for kids to choose to share their extra, no need to buy additional bags.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Operation Gratitude volunteers collected more than 400,000 pounds of candy last year, distributing it to U.S. Troops serving far away from home, Veterans and First Responders.
- Operation Gratitude includes sweet treats in every Care Package that we send (and we will send 300,000 this year!) Halloween candy serves as a reminder of home that helps bring smiles to our Troops' faces' - and you are helping make it happen by donating candy today!
- This year we're also collecting dental floss (to keep those smiles minty fresh), as well as pens and mechanical pencils (for Troops writing letters to their loved ones at home!)

Visit operationgratitude.com to learn more about the organization and the many ways they give.

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