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## Local Financial Advisor Collects for Troops



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Girl Scout Troop # 722 helps John Cito pack boxes for U.S. military troops over seas.

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John P. Cito, a Hackensack financial advisor who specializes in retirement and divorce planning, held his annual client appreciation dinner on Dec. 20 at Sanzari's New Bridge Inn of New Milford.

Cito requested that the attendees bring one or two items that would be packed and shipped to the U.S. military troops in Afghanistan and Iraq via [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com), a non-profit that delivers care packages to soldiers.

The donated items included microwavable foods, socks, candy, men's and women's hygiene items, magazines, CDs and DVDs.

"The response was incredible. My clients didn't bring one or two items, they brought cases!" said Cito.

Due to the volume of donations, Cito solicited the help from the local Girl Scouts to pack, ship and write letters to the soldiers. Approximately 60 boxes of donations were filled.

The girls each picked a soldier and wrote a letter to him or her. Here are some examples of what they wrote:

*My name is Jessica (Jess) and I am a 14 year-old Girl Scout from Hackensack, NJ. First, I would like to tell you how proud I am of you and your fellow colleagues. You are representing your pride for the United States in the greatest way possible, by serving in the Armed Forces. I will keep you in my prayers.*

*Jessica*

*I think you and the other soldiers who are in Iraq are doing a good job. Also, I think it takes a lot of courage to do what your doing. Keep up the good work. Much love is sent from us here in the United States, to you guys over in Iraq. Our prayers are always with you. Hope to see you back home soon.*

*Nakiya*

*Dear Maddie (troop leader),*

*Thank you for the letter you sent the troop. It was nice hearing from you! I am glad you are doing fine. We really miss you and your family. We hope all is well and that this letter reaches everyone in good health.*

*Leonora*