



Virginia Tire & Auto

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VIRGINIA TIRE & AUTO SUPPORTS TROOPS WITH CARE PACKAGES

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA – APRIL 26, 2011 – Virginia Tire & Auto is supporting the non-profit organization *Any Soldier* by collecting donations of goods to be packaged and sent to servicemen and women stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Employees of Virginia Tire & Auto will assemble 150 care packages on Monday, June 13. The care packages are to include the basic necessities donated by the public as well as Virginia Tire & Auto employees.

“Because so many of our customers and employees come from military families we felt that sending care packages to our troops would be a great way to give back to our community while at the same time thanking the brave men and women who are sacrificing everything to serve our country overseas” said Myron Boncarosky, President of Virginia Tire & Auto. “We also specifically chose the month of May for this effort as it corresponds with Memorial Day.”

Virginia Tire & Auto is partnering with AnySoldier.com to collect and assemble care packages to be sent to soldiers serving in harms way. AnySoldier.com was founded in August 2003 by Marty and Sue Horn, whose son Brian served as a sergeant in the Army. This project has served over 1.9 million troops by sending soldiers the necessities they need to sustain the rigorous life overseas.

The following donations will be accepted from May 1- May 31 at all 11 Virginia Tire & Auto locations throughout Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties:

- Personal hygiene products
- Baby wipes, *Wet Ones*, *Sani-Hands* (hypoallergenic)
- Twin size bed sheets, and pillow cases
- Crossword puzzles, playing cards and magazines
- Beanie Babies (soldiers carry them to handout to local children)
- Food items, such as:
 - Instant drinks
 - Sugar and powdered cream
 - Microwave popcorn
 - Gum/Candy (no chocolate)
 - Snacks/ Granola/Power Bars
 - Instant Soup

For more information on how to make a donation or to schedule your delivery please contact Julie Holmes at 571-282-2415 or jholmes@vatire.com.

Any Soldier is also accepting monetary check donations, which can be mailed directly to: Any Soldier Inc., P.O. Box 715, Waldorf, MD 20604. Please note “Virginia Tire” on the check to credit this drive.

Virginia Tire & Auto was founded by Myron Boncarosky in 1976 as a single Shell-branded service station in Fairfax, Virginia. The company has grown to over 400 employees and operates 11 Virginia Tire & Auto

locations, including two Shell-branded service stations, in the following Northern Virginia communities: Ashburn, Cascades, Centreville, Chantilly, Dulles, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Gainesville, South Riding, Springfield and Vienna. Virginia Tire & Auto is a family owned and operated business that has thrived based on its commitment to exceeding its customers' expectations of honest, courteous and quality service. To learn more visit us at www.vatireandauto.com or <http://www.facebook.com/VATIREANDAUTO>.