



Dear Troops,

My name is Andrew Neil, and I am a junior at Shaler Area High School in Shaler Township, Pennsylvania. I learned about the Yellow Ribbon Girls through Senator Jane Orié's office. My grandpa and many of my great-uncles are all veterans and after listening to many stories from their tours of service, I became acutely aware of how lonely it can be for all of you. It became my challenge to try to do something to show you that we think of you often and appreciate your sacrifice for others. I decided to collect supplies that the Yellow Ribbon Girls could send to all of you. I put an advertisement in our church bulletin hoping to be able to collect at least 100 items. I have to tell you, that the response from our congregation was completely overwhelming. I was able to collect over **1,000** items! It is my hope that when one of you opens a care package, you will realize that we love you and are thankful for your service. I know I am and I will continue to remember all of you in thought and prayer.

With a grateful heart,

Andrew Neil