

HOOSIERS HELPING HEROES



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**i**f you haven't heard, we are on-line. Visit us @ 3 locations; [www.hoosiershelpingheroes.org](http://www.hoosiershelpingheroes.org), Crossroads Community Church, [www.ecrossroads.cc](http://www.ecrossroads.cc), Facebook, [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). If you have a Facebook account, type in the "Search" engine - Hoosiers Helping Heroes. Sign up to be a fan...Three easy ways to stay current on what is happening with our group.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Contributors

- Indianapolis Heart Hospital
- Crossroads Community Church – Kokomo IN
- Subaru of Whitestown IN
- Gilchrist & Soames Indianapolis
- Kokomo Chrysler Employees
- Starbucks - Marion
- RD Filip Inc. – Kokomo IN
- The Community of Walton IN

## SPECIAL DOUBLE ISSUE

*"We Are Responsible for the Effort, God Is Responsible for the Outcome"*

Current Project:  
*The Boy Scouts*



*On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.*

### MONTH(S) IN REVIEW

To start back in May, the Prayer Vigil at the Howard County Courthouse in Kokomo was an awesome event despite the poor turn out from the community. Hosted by the North Central Blue Star Mothers of Indiana, distinguished guests included representatives from Grissom Air Force Base, the VFW, the Kokomo Fire Department, Central Indiana Red Cross, the Mayor of Kokomo, and the Kokomo High School Glee Club. If you missed this event, what can I say, you missed it. Much Honor was given to those serving and sacrificing for our country. You may visit their website at <http://www.ncindianabluestars.org>

One thing that we CANNOT forget is to Pray every day for our Hometown Heroes.

To be vigilant in the tasks they have willing volunteered for, to complete their mission –to place the stamp of Freedom on the hearts of the people they are proud to serve and help to prosper.

Hold on...this is just for starters. Also in May, we were gladly invited to the [Blue Star Salute at O'Reilly Raceway Park in Hendricks County](#). Our booth was well received by the visiting Patrons. Many purchased "Got Freedom" T-Shirts, Ribbon Cake Pans and also....continued



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there were some who sponsored a Care Package. After the rain subsided, the sun came out and the day was a big success. For a bonus, the Indiana Pacemate's and the Indianapolis Colt's Cheerleaders donated 40 autographed 8x10 photographs, each. These photos have been well received by our Troops overseas. Read this e-mail that we recently received from one of our Heroes.

I just wanted to send you an email to let you know how much my soldiers and I appreciated your care package. Thank you for taking the time to put together packages for the troops. The packages that you send remind soldiers of home, especially in the more remote parts of Afghanistan where it feels as if you are on a different planet. Its small things from home that can make a soldiers day or even week, you would be amazed how much a slim-jim (or a poster of the colts cheerleaders!) can improve a soldiers mood. I just wanted you to know that your efforts do not go unnoticed and the soldiers all thank you for your time.

I also want to thank you for co-founding Hoosiers Helping Heroes, although I do not consider myself a hero the fact that there are groups of people back in the states that care about soldiers really makes a difference even though we are thousands of miles from home.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything that I can do for you.

Thanks Again!

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A. Lewis

## Worth our time? You betcha!



Has anyone seen a Blue Angel? All we can say is WOW! The Mount Comfort Air Show was an amazing event. 2009 will go down in the books as our very 1<sup>st</sup> air show...ever. After 3 long days of promoting our cause, sore legs from standing hours upon hours, we are ready to do it again. This one event helped to put us on the map in a bigger way. Many new contacts were made and we even adopted 4 new Heroes. The entire weekend was great, yet the payoff for our group was when a recent Hero who is home after spending 14 months in Iraq walked into our tent on that Sunday. Corey Cain, a Seabee in the Navy spent the entire last day with us sharing his story of his time in the theater. He also honored us with 4 challenge coins...what a guy. The following page are a two pictures from that day.

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Items In Need for our Care Packages:

Microwave Popcorn, Pop Tarts, Crystal Light Packs, Monkey Butt Powder (specifically), Cards/ Letters

**Next Projects:**  **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

The Indianapolis Boy Scouts Chapter contacted us in hoping to partner their efforts with ours. Their project is to help local Heroes in which they call "Troop to Troop". Great title! They plan on collecting items in Mid-July throughout Indianapolis to donate to our Hoosier Heroes. We will have more news once this effort is completed. Thank you.

The Fort Wayne Tin Cups will be promoting a fund drive in July with collecting Baseball Mitts and Baseballs to send to our Heroes. What a great way to pass the time with each other or even a kid from one of the local villages in-country as to play some good 'ol American Baseball.

#### **Fall Projects:**

Fund/Item drive - WAZY Radio, Lafayette IN

Fund/Item drive – Bob Rohrman Auto Group, Lafayette IN

#### **Up Coming Events:**

August - National Guard State Conference, Indianapolis IN – HHH Booth

September – Howard County Vietnam Reunion (2<sup>nd</sup> week) – HHH Booth

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."

- General George S. Patton, Jr

Until next time, visit us on the web at...

<http://www.hoosiershelpingheroes.org>