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Community Gratitude Fuels Operation Care

The KidsGive Organization, Shore Regional Education Association and The Shore Regional Rotary Interact Club hosted an overwhelmingly successful “Operation Care: Support Shore Troops” event on Saturday, Nov. 16, at Shore Regional High School. In the spirit of November, the month of Thanksgiving, Veteran’s Day and a national "Salute to Service" campaign, this was a celebratory event to commemorate the current servicemen and women of this country, in particular the Shore Regional graduates and those from our local community who are serving in the armed forces. Families, teachers, veterans and community members came together to donate goods and produce almost 200 care packages to send to our troops, including more than 700 letters, cards, and drawings to accompany the packages and give them a personal touch. The incredible generosity from those who donated items as well as their time is a testament to the greater community that is Shore Regional. Twenty of these packages will go directly to members of the Shore Regional family who are currently serving to protect our nation, with others going to their fellow squad members and other soldiers in need.

KidsGive, Shore Regional Education Association and Shore Interact Club partnered together on this initiative to support the Shore Regional community heroes currently serving our great nation; with Interact championing the letter-writing campaign, Shore Regional Education Association collecting donations and providing funding for postage, custom letterhead and refreshments at the event, and the KidsGive Organization bringing their “hive” of worker bees and cornucopian donations from their membership and local businesses, each piece came together seamlessly to forge an event overflowing with



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gratitude. Co-organizers Katie McGowan, Mike Whitacre, and Kristen Encarnacion agreed, “The best part of the day was watching all of the smiling faces, and knowing that our service people will be smiling too when they receive their packages made with so much love!” The groups look forward to making the event an annual tradition. Those interested in future community events can contact shorepridesrea@gmail.com or visit www.kids-give.org to receive informational emails about upcoming events.

More photos available upon request.



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