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**PACKAGES OF HONOR
North Metro Launches Holiday Donation Drive for US Soldiers**

Northglenn/Broomfield, CO— From October 1 to Veteran’s Day (November 11) North Metro will be collecting monetary and limited food donations to send holiday care packages honoring United States soldiers continuing to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Our hope to inspire these men and women serving our country during the holiday season through packages from unknown citizens that are appreciative of their sacrifice,” stated Wendy Forbes, Public Information Officer. “Each package will contain different treats and a special gift, a flag with the names of the victims from the 9/11 attacks. They fight for their honor and we want to recognize that.”

North Metro has a limited number of flags available for sponsorship. We will ask donors to contribute \$20 for the flag and then add a personalized letter or note to the soldier who will receive the package. North Metro will also accept additional “treat” items to include in the package from our approved shipping list. These items include individually wrapped packages of:

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- gum or breath mints
- nuts
- Rice Krispy Treats
- Crystal Light to Go
- sunflower seeds
- microwavable popcorn
- cookies
- dried fruit
- hard candies
- Kraft Easy Mac
- Slim Jims
- granola bars/power bars
- crackers
- hot chocolate

Since the name of the recipient soldier will be unknown, we ask that citizens write a note that would be appropriate for any soldier. The last day North Metro will accept donations is November 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Citizens can drop off their donations at two North Metro Fire Station from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. The monetary contribution will be required in cash or check form at the time of donation in addition to the personalized note. The station locations are:

- Station 62 10550 Huron Street, Northglenn
- Station 64 13515 Lowell Boulevard, Broomfield

As a token of our appreciation the Black-eyed Pea has generously provided a free gift certificate for the first 100 donors. These individuals will receive a coupon for one free dessert or one free kid's meal with their donation of a "Package of Honor."

North Metro Fire Rescue is dedicated to your quality care. North Metro Fire Rescue provides fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and rescue services to their community. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 115 square miles with a population of approximately 115,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams and Jefferson Counties.

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