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Dear Millersville Families,

We are starting the collection for the Medical Clinic in Khowst, Afghanistan this week that was referenced in the recent PTA Newsletter article. A separate flier has been distributed to the children at school and we hope you will encourage and participate in the collection with them! Here is a list of items that are needed and some that are not. In addition, feel free to send in items for the US troops stationed in Khowst. There are about 140 Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel, including the nine medics who support them and the town of Khowst.

Thank you for your continued support of our troops and their work!

Sincerely,  
Maria T. Murphy  
PTA Secretary  
Military Support Committee Chair

**Things they need:**

Pencils, pens, and crayons  
Looseleaf/spiral bound notepaper  
Handheld pencil sharpeners  
Folders or small notebooks  
Backpacks  
Coats, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens  
Shoes & boots in good condition  
Blankets  
Nerf balls  
New stuffed animals (small ones are great)

**Things they DON'T need:**

Glue, tape, scissors  
Craft supplies  
English games or books  
Baby clothes  
Western style clothes (jeans, clothes with logos)  
High heels or impractical shoes  
Underwear!

**US Troop care package item ideas include:** air fresheners, baby wipes, batteries, hand-held games, boot socks, brown Under Armor/Cool Max t-shirts, Chapstick/other lip balm, crossword puzzle/sudoku/word find books, eye drops, hand lotion, new/gently used paperbacks (non-religious), stationery and pens, sunscreen, toothpaste, beef jerky, cereal/granola bars, energy bars, Chex mix, chips, store bought cookies (homemade food items cannot be sent), drink mixes (single serve especially), ground coffee, coffee creamer, sugar/artificial sweetener packets, tea bags, hard candy. Please do not send anything requiring a microwave!