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May 19th**



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to Iraq..
Way to Go Danna**

A Special Thank You to all who helped make this drive a success. Especially Greg Sorenson of S. Oregon Subaru and Ronda Construction and Channel 10 News and Rosemary and Garth, the Rotary, all of JCRW members and our Chair Danna G for the support and the work in making this drive a success.



OIC Co-founders Gary Sinise and Laura Hillenbrand
photo by Stephen Baronovics



Operation Iraqi Children is now Operation International Children

Five years after founding our organization to help coalition troops bring school supplies to Iraqi children, we have expanded our mission to include children in areas all over the world served by American troops. As we continue our extensive efforts in Iraq, we are now sending school supplies and other necessities to troops in Afghanistan and other nations, for distribution to needy children. We intend to further broaden our mission in the future.

Operation International Children (formerly Operation Iraqi Children) is a grass-roots program founded in early 2004 by actor Gary Sinise (Forrest Gump, Apollo 13, CSI: NY) and author Laura Hillenbrand (Seabiscuit: An American Legend) and joined in partnership with People to People International and its President and CEO, Mary Eisenhower, granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Sinise and Hillenbrand created OIC to give concerned Americans a way to reach out to the war-stricken children of Iraq by supporting our troops in their efforts to assist them.

Working directly with troops, OIC has delivered well over a quarter of a million school supply kits, along with more than half a million toys and thousands of blankets, backpacks, pairs of shoes, Arabic-language books, and sets of sports equipment, all of which have been distributed to

children. While we remain committed to our work in Iraq, OIC has expanded its mission, sending school supplies to Afghanistan and other nations, where American troops are distributing them to children in need. In the future, we will continue to broaden our efforts across the world

Featured on CBS Nightly News, ABC News, and MSNBC, and in publications such as The Weekly Standard, O, and Parade, we have been named one of "America's 100 Best" by Reader's Digest.

There are many ways to be a part of our critical effort. You can make a simple, tax-deductible monetary donation, 100% of which will go to purchase supplies for children and offset shipping costs. You can build and send school supply kits yourself. You can start a school supply kit drive in your community. Whatever your involvement, you will be helping our troops foster goodwill in the communities in which they work, and bringing brighter futures to children in desperate need.

In the early stages of Operation Iraqi Children, Coalition troops alone managed the distribution of OIC supplies to Iraqi children. In recent months, under the guidance of Coalition leaders, the new Iraqi Army has begun working alongside Coalition forces in bringing OIC supplies to the children who need them. OIC is happy to welcome the Iraqi Army into OIC, and as this force grows and strengthens, we look forward to their greater involvement in the future.