



June 5, 2019

Spring Creek Academy
Attn: Walter E. Ritchie, Jr.
6000 Custer Road, Bldg. 5
Plano, TX 75023

Dear Walter E.,

On behalf of Operation Gratitude and the heroes who receive our care packages, I thank you for your continuing support and generous donation of letters and your dedication to our mission. Your contribution will enable us to keep sending our lovingly-filled **Care Packages** to the tens of thousands of brave men and women still deployed overseas in harsh and remote areas; to their children anxiously awaiting their return; and to Veterans, New Recruits, First Responders, Wounded Heroes and their Care Givers.

With your sustained commitment and kindness, we have been able to send more than **2 Million Operation Gratitude Care Packages** containing snacks, hygiene products, entertainment and hand-made items, and personal letters of appreciation. As you may have seen on our sites over the years, these expressions of love and concern from fellow citizens offer our Military & First Responders a much-deserved **"Thank You For Your Service"** and are always greeted with enthusiasm and great appreciation.

As one Deputy Sheriff of 18 years wrote:

I am extremely grateful for the thoughtfulness that went into the Operation Gratitude package. It reminds me of why I got into law enforcement many years ago and that the majority of the public still thinks of us and wants to show how much they care. Please let everyone there know to keep up the kind acts. It is the little things that mean the most.
Deputy J.M.

To read all the current letters of thanks from our recipients and to see their photos with your Operation Gratitude care packages, please "Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/OperationGratitude and "follow" us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/OpGratitude, Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/opgratitude> and Instagram: <https://instagram.com/opgratitude/>

On December 9, 2017 we celebrated the delivery of our **Two Millionth Care Package** - all made possible by your support! I hope you'll visit our Social Media sites to see pictures of the event!

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and wonderful patriotic spirit. Every single donation we receive furthers our mission of saying "Thank You" to those who serve. The recipients of your generosity will remember your kindness forever. As a 20-year Marine and the new CEO of this amazing organization, I will always be appreciative of your support and encouragement for Operation Gratitude. You are truly making a difference!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Schmiegel".

Kevin M. Schmiegel, CEO

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