

# Operation Outreach Afghanistan

HEALING HEARTS AND MINDS

NOVEMBER 2011

**OUR MISSION:**  
Operation Outreach Afghanistan (OOA) will empower the Afghan people through compassionate humanitarian assistance.

OOA is a volunteer organization. It is not affiliated or sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense.

**WHO WE ARE:**  
We are a group of deployed U.S. service members and civilians working to bring relief and aid to the Afghan people. We volunteer our "off-duty" time to help provide commonly needed items to those in need.

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## New Schools Open in Kabul



### TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS FOR OCTOBER

Gifts: \$ 4,409.60

Postage: \$ 1,506.01

Cash: \$ 1,236.41

TOTAL AVAILABLE  
FUNDS:

**\$8,540.22**

Total gifts and  
donations re-  
ceived  
since Sept. 2010:

**\$100,547.02**



## Outreach Quick Facts

- OOA volunteers have participated in 76 meetings since March 2010.
- Volunteers have donated 4,692 man hours and collected more than \$146,371 in gifts.
- 86 volunteers have participated in 47 humanitarian missions.
- OOA active membership is 406.
- OOA has held 67 conex work days to organize humanitarian assistance gifts.
- More than 22,970 Afghans have benefited from OOA's humanitarian assistance and medical aid this year.
- 180 volunteers have earned the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Award.



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**SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
NEEDED**

# From the Chairman

“Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.”

**Theodore Roosevelt**

With Thanksgiving just past, and the holiday season fast approaching, I give thanks to the many volunteers who have made my time with Operation Outreach a notable experience. Each week we gather donations from hundreds of wonderful people back home and repackage them into individual gifts for school children in Afghanistan. We spend hours recycling waste paper into burnable fuel donuts so desperately needed by underprivileged families and orphanages. The giving spirit of our members both here and at home humbles me.

BG Jack Hammond, Commander of TF Yankee, recently told a group of Afghan leaders gathered to dedicate a new school in Qarah Bagh: “Children are the future of both our countries. By building a school, we are building our future.” Your dedication to that principle is nothing less than remarkable. By facilitating the education of Afghan children, you help to create a better world. Your efforts have positively impacted more than 20,000 Afghans in a most unique manner. Much has been given us and much is expected. I am grateful that the membership shows this in their deeds each and every day.

George Harrington  
Chairman / President  
Operation Outreach

P.S.: We had a remarkable week for donations, receiving more than 50 boxes in one week. A special thank you to all those who made that happen. Please help us continue this success through the gift giving season.



## *Supplies needed:*

- **Pencil Sharpeners**
- **Scissors**
- **Small Toys**
- **Glue Sticks**
- **Small Rulers**
- **Small Notebooks**
- **Pens**
- **Color Pencils**



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# OOA at New School

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By 1Lt. Kelly Sullivan, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs

KABUL, Afghanistan — Soldiers from Task Force Yankee, 26th “Yankee” Brigade, Massachusetts Army National Guard, attended a ceremony to symbolize opening a school in the Kabul Province Nov. 14, 2011. The school was dedicated to the memory of a Massachusetts Army National Guard Soldier, Sgt. Robert Barrett, 21, of Fall River, Mass.

Barrett died April 19, 2010, from injuries he suffered from a suicide bomber attack. Barrett mobilized with the Massachusetts National Guard in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in January 2010 as a member of 1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery Regiment.



Soldiers from Task Force Yankee, 26th “Yankee” Brigade, Massachusetts Army National Guard, attended a ceremony to symbolize opening a school in the Kabul Province Nov. 14, 2011.



Soldiers delivered more than 200 school kits to the boys and girls at the new school.

This school is a 10-room school in rural Afghanistan and was built by coalition forces as part of the ongoing partnership with the Afghan people. The school will cater to more than 350 school-aged children including girls. Until now the students met in a cramped hut, with no water source. In addition to the classrooms, the school contains a security boundary wall, five bathrooms and a water well.



**Kabul** is a city of about four million residents and about a third are school-aged. As a result, **OOA** is **MOST IN NEED OF BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES**, especially pencils, pens and notebooks. They will continue to accept shoes, clothes, blankets, children’s books and first aid kits. Please mail your gifts to:

**OOA - George Harrington  
26th Yankee Brigade  
Camp Phoenix  
APO, AE 09320**

# Catalina Wine Mixer's Mission to Maryan High School

By: Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Papa ,Senior Enlisted Advisor, Logistics Command

KABUL , Afghanistan — Service members from CJ-4's Logistics Command, Headquarters Advisor Team partnered up with the Afghan National Army's 1st Security Kandak Platoon Logistics Command to bring school kits to kids at the Maryan High School on Oct. 5, 2011.

Members of CJ4, who are nicknamed the Catalina Wine Mixers coordinated efforts with 10 members of Security Kandak to make this mission a success.



**A service member from CJ4 tours the Maryan High School with 1st Security Kandak ANA Soldiers during a humanitarian assistance mission in which they partnered to deliver OOA school kits Oct. 5, 2011.**



In total they were able to deliver 670 school kits, 30 pounds of teaching supplies and of course candy to the school children who ranged between preschool aged to age 12.



**An Afghan child plays with his new school kit during an Operation Outreach Afghanistan school supply kits drop.**

# OOA Visits Al Huddin Orphanage

By: Master Sgt. Jeromey Altum, Central Workshop (CWS)  
TMDE Advisor NTM-A/CSTC-A

KABUL, Afghanistan — Service members from Nato Training Mission Afghanistan (NTM-A) and CST— visited the Al Huddin Orphanage Oct. 20, 2011 and distributed OOA school supply kits and soccer balls.

Both the boys and girls from the orphanage were thrilled for their kits and new soccer balls and the trip was a great success.



Staff Sgt. Sharon Kellner, a civil affairs sergeant with USFOR-A hands an Afghan child an Operation Outreach school supply kit.



The local ANP Police Chief of Amad Bahar helping to distribute Operation Outreach school supply kits to the Amad Bahar school on Sept. 18, 2011.

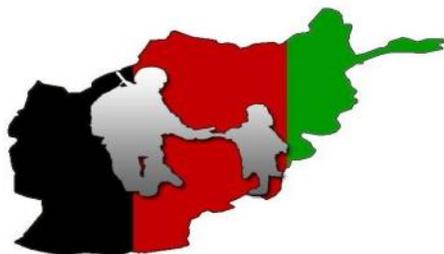


An Afghan child from the Amad Bahar School with his Operation Outreach school supply kit during a humanitarian assistance drop on Sept. 18, 2011.

# **INTERESTED IN JOINING OOA?**

**OOA holds full meetings every two weeks in the Camp Phoenix warehouse — Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. — and committees meet every other week to organize humanitarian assistance missions, hand-write thank you notes to donors, plan social events, coordinate medical missions and handle information technology issues.**

**Volunteers sort donations for future missions every Friday at 4 p.m. in the container yard in the northwest side of Camp Phoenix. Service members donating 80 hours of their time will be eligible for the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.**



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