

Virginia Tire collecting care packages for U.S. troops

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FAIRFAX, Va. (April 27, 2011) — Virginia Tire & Auto is gathering donations of care packages for servicemen and women stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan in partnership with the nonprofit organization Any Soldier Inc.

The dealership will assemble 150 care packages of donated goods by employees as well as the public on June 13. The company's partner, AnySoldier.com, was founded in August 2003 by Marty and Sue Horn, whose son Brian served as a sergeant in the Army.

Virginia Tire & Auto, a group of 11 family-owned auto maintenance, repair and tire service businesses, said Any Soldier has served more than 1.9 million troops by sending soldiers the necessities they need to sustain the rigorous life overseas.

"Because so many of our customers and employees come from military families, we felt that sending care packages to our troops would be a great way to give back to our community, while at the same time thanking the brave men and women who are sacrificing everything to serve our country overseas," said Myron Boncarosky, president of Virginia Tire & Auto.

"We also specifically chose the month of May for this effort as it corresponds with Memorial Day."

The dealership is accepting donations from May 1-31 at all of its 11 locations throughout Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties of several types of products, including: personal hygiene products; baby wipes, Wet Ones, Sani-Hands (hypoallergenic); twin size bed sheets, and pillow cases; crossword puzzles, playing cards and magazines; Beanie Babies (soldiers carry them to handout to local children); and non-perishable food items.

For more information on how to make a donation or to schedule a delivery, contact Julie Holmes at 571-282-2415 or jholmes@vatire.com.

Any Soldier is also accepting check donations, which can be mailed directly to: Any Soldier Inc., P.O. Box 715, Waldorf, Md. 20604. Noting Virginia Tire on the check will credit this drive.

Virginia Tire was founded in 1976 by Mr. Boncarosky as a single Shell-branded service station in Fairfax. The dealership has since grown to more than 400 employees at 11 locations, including three Shell-branded service stations. It is primarily affiliated with Goodyear and Bridgestone Americas.



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Myron Boncarosky is president and founder of Virginia Tire & Auto in Fairfax, Va.

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