



## Annual Spring Season Collection Guidelines

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Thank you for stepping forward to acknowledge and recognize our American military children this Spring Season with gifts of appreciation! Please closely review these guidelines to ensure a successful collection drive for everyone involved!

### Gifting Guidelines:

- M.C.C. accepts only **NEW** gifts for the children. We will not accept used or gently used items. All gifts/donations must be donated with the tag attached.
- Please do not donate recycled stuffed animals, it must have a tag and be clean.
- Please do not wrap any of the Easter baskets, all items must be received **UNWRAPPED**. If you wrap them, our volunteers will un-wrap them before delivery to the U.S. military.
- Please plan to deliver what you have collected to **Orange County Windustrial**. M.C.C. **does not pick up the gifts collected**. It is your responsibility to get them to OC Windustrial and we ask that you work out arrangements in advance on how and when you will drop donations off to meet the deadline before you begin collecting.
- Please do not donate any perishable items or any candy. M.C.C. purchases all of the candy for the children to ensure its integrity.
- M.C.C. does not accept combat toys.
- Please mail all gift cards directly to M.C.C.'s Headquarters, do not drop gift cards off with the in-kind donations at OC Windustrial.
- To receive a donor receipt, please provide your name and complete contact information when dropping off your donation at Orange County Windustrial. (The employees have an M.C.C. donation form.)
- When shopping, please remember the teenagers. The teens are aware a parent is absent, working long hours or deployed and teens are the most often overlooked at the holidays.
- Also, please do not forget the babies, newborn to 2 years old.
- M.C.C. always needs **NEW** cellophane wrapping and gift bags. Also, M.C.C. accepts new curly ribbon and bows.
- Although our spring collection deadline is set, please return the gifts to M.C.C. as soon as possible! If you have them ready, please do not wait until the deadline, the sooner the better to allow time to turn them around for our military children.
- The collection deadline date is firm. Every season M.C.C. receives donations after the deadline. This does not allow the military Family Program Officers enough time to distribute the gifts to the children.

### Gift Suggestions:

Assembled Easter Baskets, Easter Basket Gift Toys and Supplies, Clear Cellophane Wrap (Preference for Cellophane Gift Bags), Curly Ribbon, Easter Basket Grass Filling, Empty Baskets, Scotch Tape, New Stuffed Animals, New Books and Small Gifts/ Toys for baskets.

### Gift Card Suggestions:

Target, Wal-Mart, Barnes and Nobles, Toys R Us and/or Babies R Us & iTunes (for Teenagers).

(Please remember when donating gift cards to smaller establishments, such as yogurt places, the children only benefit if they have the business in the local area they reside within.)