



Operation Gratitude Halloween Give-Back Campaign Underway at Soundview Family Dental in Edmonds, WA

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Edmonds, Washington. September 30th, 2019 - Teaching children the value of giving back by donating Halloween candy in support of Operation Gratitude is a win-win for kids, parents, and dentists.

This Halloween, local trick-or-treaters will join kids across the country when they donate their extra Halloween candy to Operation Gratitude at local collection site: Soundview Family Dental in Edmonds, WA. The sweet treats will be included along with handwritten thank you letters in Care Packages sent to U.S. Service Members deployed overseas and hand-delivered to Veterans and First Responders serving in their local communities.

Americans spend an estimated \$2.5 billion dollars on a whopping 600 million pounds of Halloween candy each year. In 2018, more than 440,000 pounds of candy was donated to Operation Gratitude and distributed to America's heroes in signature Operation Gratitude Care Packages and local deliveries around the country.

Operation Gratitude's mission is to thank all who serve, forging strong bonds between grateful Americans

and the Heroes who serve and protect them, according to Kevin Schmiegel, Lieutenant Colonel, USMC (Ret.) and CEO of Operation Gratitude. The Halloween Candy Give-Back Program provides every American child the opportunity to learn about service, sacrifice, and generosity.

Candy and handwritten thank you letters for deployed Service Members, Veterans, and First Responders will be collected at 201 5th Avenue South Suite 103 Edmonds, WA 98020 on November 4-6, 2019 from 7 am - 3 pm. Visit www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks/halloween-candy to learn more.

Dr. Eric Kitts of Soundview Family Dental stated, "We are proud to participate in the Operation Gratitude Halloween Give-Back Campaign to reduce excess sugar consumption, prevent dental decay, and teach children the importance of saying "Thank You" to all who serve."

About Operation Gratitude

Demonstrating that actions speak louder than words, Operation Gratitude is a national nonprofit organization that provides tangible ways to forge strong bonds between Americans and their Military and First Responder Heroes through volunteer service projects, acts of gratitude, and meaningful engagements in communities nationwide.

Through its customized Care Package programs, Operation Gratitude has provided opportunities for millions of Americans to say "Thank You" to more than 2.3 million of our nation's Heroes since 2003. In 2019, Operation Gratitude launched its Make Every Minute Count Campaign with the goal of delivering 525,600 Care Packages – one every minute of the year – to Service Members, their families at home, Veterans, and First Responders.

Awarded a 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator and a Platinum rating from Guidestar, 94 percent of Operation Gratitude's expenditures go directly to programs that support our nation's men and women in uniform at home and abroad.

To learn more, visit www.operationgratitude.com.

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At Soundview Family Dental, we have been serving Edmonds, WA and the surrounding areas for 20 years. Our dentist office listens to our patients with great care and attention to detail, so that we may offer each of them a customized dental plan.

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