

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

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CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS AND ST. THOMAS MORE YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF CELL PHONE COLLECTION DRIVE

More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are away from their families. Cell Phones for Soldiers and St. Thomas More Youth Group are calling on all Americans to support these brave men and women by donating your unused cell phones. Cell Phones for Soldiers hopes to collect cell phones to help keep troops connected with their loved ones at home.

The phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone – enough to provide an hour of talk time to soldiers abroad.

Parishioners can support the collection drive by donating their old phones at St. Thomas More Church vestibule, 374 Middlesex Road, Darien, CT 203-655-6295. You can drop off phones from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM weekdays and from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on weekends.

“We’re proud to show our support for U.S. soldiers, and to contribute to a worthy cause like Cell Phones for Soldiers,” says Father Furey.

Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist from Norwell, Mass., with \$21 of their own money. Since then, the registered 501c3 non-profit organization has raised almost \$1 million in donations and distributed more than 500,000 prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving overseas.

“We have been overwhelmed by the generous support of thousands of Americans who have helped our troops speak with their loved ones,” says the teens’ father, Bob Bergquist. “However the need for support keeps growing as more soldiers are sent to the Middle East or are asked to serve extended tours of duty.”

The St. Thomas More Youth Group is doing its part by collecting cell phones, batteries, and accessories locally. The kids will box them and ship them to ReCellular so that one hour of prepaid phone service will be given to soldiers abroad to talk their families on a regular basis.

Approximately half of the phones ReCellular processes are reconditioned and resold to wholesale companies in over 40 countries around the world. Phones and components that cannot be refurbished are dismantled and recycled to reclaim materials, including:

- Gold, silver and platinum from circuit boards
- Copper wiring from phone chargers
- Nickel, iron, cadmium and lead from battery packs
- Plastic from phone cases and accessories