

**USO Puget Sound Area Makes the Holidays Brighter for 10,000
Northwest Military Families with 2nd Annual Holiday Food & Toy Drive**

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donations during two-day drive on Dec. 2 & 3*

SEATTLE, WA – December 5, 2011 – This year the holidays will be a bit brighter for thousands of local military families. The USO Puget Sound Area (USOPSA) today announced the results of their 2nd Annual Holiday Food & Toy Drive, held on Fri., Dec. 2 and Sat., Dec. 3 at 10 area Walmart stores including Auburn, Bremerton, Lacey, Oak Harbor, Poulsbo, Puyallup, Renton, Spanaway, Tulalip and Yelm.

USOPSA volunteers, including local active-duty military personnel and veterans, raised more than \$12,250 cash and thousands of pounds of food and toy donations during this year's two-day drive. Donations are being distributed this month to more than 10,000 local and traveling military families through local military bases and via USO centers at Sea-Tac Airport and Joint Base Lewis-McChord. USOPSA will continue accepting holiday cash donations online at: www.usopsa.org/donate.

“Many of our local military families will spend the holidays with one or both parents deployed, and this is our way of honoring their service and sacrifice,” said Don Leingang, USOPSA Executive Director and CDR, USN (Ret.). “Taking care of our military families is a privilege and our civic duty, and we would like to thank Walmart and all of our caring partners for helping to make this possible.”

The USOPSA Annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive is an example of the USO's ongoing mission to help support local military families by providing morale, welfare and recreation services to our men and women in uniform throughout the Pacific Northwest. USOPSA now serves more than 500,000 active-duty military personnel, dependents, veterans and reservists annually throughout the Puget Sound and Northwest region.

USOPSA would like to thank the following military installations and local businesses for contributing to the success of this year's event: Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Naval Base Kitsap, Navy Region Northwest, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Naval Station Everett, Coast Guard District 13, Clear Channel Radio Seattle (KJR 950 AM, 102.9 FM, KUBE

93.3 FM), KMPS 94.1 FM, Bonneville Seattle Radio (News Talk KIRO 97.3 FM, KTTH 770 AM), Walmart Stores, Microsoft Stores at U Village and in Bellevue, Benchmark Hospitality (Hotel 1000, Sorrento, Willows Lodge), Applebee's, Bob's Burgers And Brew, Casa Mia Italian Restaurants, Famous Dave's BBQ, and The BBQ Joint.

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About USO Puget Sound Area

For nearly 45 years, the USO Puget Sound Area has provided 'all the comforts of home' to our brave military personnel and their families, via the USOPSA centers at Sea-Tac Airport and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, the USO Mobile Canteen, special events, and deployments and homecomings at military installations throughout the Puget Sound region. The USO Puget Sound Area is a private, non-profit organization, and a chartered center of USO Headquarters in Washington, D.C., not a government agency. We rely on the generosity of our volunteers and donors. We are also supported through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC-15348).

For more information on how to volunteer, or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the USO Puget Sound Area, please visit us online at: <http://www.usopsa.org>. Show your support for our military and follow USOPSA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).