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## Senator Nozzolio Expands His Annual Drive to Benefit the Troops

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Seneca Falls- New York State Senator Mike Nozzolio continues his unwavering commitment to the brave men and women serving our Nation overseas by hosting his annual Holiday Drive for the Troops. This year, Senator Nozzolio is proudly working with several local leaders to expand the Holiday Drive, including New York State Assemblyman Bob Oaks, New York State Assemblyman Gary Finch, Victor Supervisor Jack Marren and Webster Supervisor Ron Nesbitt.

Each year during the Holiday Season, Senator Nozzolio collects nonperishable items from the community which will be sent overseas to military personnel deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Senator Nozzolio was inspired to begin this annual drive with the help and support of Belinda McElroy of Sodus. Belinda's two sons bravely serve our Nation and have expressed their gratitude whenever people back home reach out to them and extend their appreciation.

"We must never forget the sacrifices that our men and women in uniform make for us every single day," said Senator Nozzolio, "Making a small donation and providing them with the little comforts from home is just one way that we can all say 'thank you'."

Nonperishable items such as snacks, gum, hard candy, instant coffee and dry-mix beverages such as iced tea and lemonade can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Senator Nozzolio's Office. 119 Fall Street, Seneca Falls
- Assemblyman Gary Finch's Office. 69 South Street, Auburn
- Assemblyman Bob Oaks' Office. 10 Leach Road, Lyons
- Supervisor Jack Marren's Office. 85 East Main Street, Victor
- Supervisor Ron Nesbitt's Office. 1000 Ridge Road, Webster

Other personal items such as DVDs, stationary, pens and small articles of clothing like hats or socks are also welcome. Items can be dropped off through the 15th of December, when Senator Nozzolio will send the items to our troops overseas.

"This year, more than ever, our troops need our support. I am encouraging everyone to reach out to those brave men and women and extend their thanks however they can. This annual drive is just one small way to do that," Senator Nozzolio commented.

For more information on the holiday drive for the troops, please contact Senator Nozzolio's Seneca Falls office toll free at 1-888-568-9816.

"We all hope for the safe return of our troops currently serving overseas. As I travel throughout my District, I meet many families with loved ones serving abroad. I have learned from them how much it truly means to our soldiers to receive packages from home. It is important that we support our soldiers and give thanks to them for what they do to protect our freedom," concluded Senator Nozzolio.

