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Pastor Bob and Millie

AS I SEE IT . . . We are a missions-minded church and focus our efforts each month on one of our mission projects. Because of its importance to have funds ready for children returning to school each September, we focus on the Abused Women and Children early. Please read all about this worthy mission on the page below. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. . . . Another of our mission programs is supporting our troops. We sent hundreds of packages for over thirteen years. The Postage became prohibitive. So, we changed to the following program. Please read the letter to our Treasurer below. Your gifts do help our troops. *Pastor*



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2-Joan Remley
- 7-Sue Kashuba
- 7-Joe Kashuba
- 15-Sherri Parsons
- 17-Stan Kanning
- 19-Kathy Brock
- 20-Dave Parsons
- 21-Bob Hershberger
- 29-Lois Galbraith
- 30-Hope Raymond

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

You can send a \$10 gift card, or you can make it several, by mailing your check directly to the church's address above or using our on-line app on our website. Thank you!

Dear Ms. Kanning,

First, I must thank you and your church committee for the generous donation of 10 gift cards. Second, I must apologize for the delay in getting back to you. We were sailing along, mailing packages and then the roof at our location, which had been leaking for a while, developed a MAJOR leak and we had to vacate the premises to save our donations. Most of our inventory is now stored in rental storage lockers and at the homes of volunteers. Work is progressing sloooooowly, and we still have no idea when we can return to this location. As a result, packing boxes has stopped for the time being. I have your gift cards stored safely at my house for the present.

We have found that Chaplains are excellent stewards of gift cards. When deploying Chaplains come to visit us and pick up items to go with them on deployment, we often give them a few gift cards. Reports back from these Chaplains have been heartwarming on how they were used. One group was having a terrible time with "sandstorms" and since we are not allowed to send any medications (OPSEC rules) we were able to send gift cards so they could order from Amazon. Made no sense to us why Amazon could send eye drops but we couldn't, but the bottom line was the soldiers had relief from sandy eyes! They were very grateful.

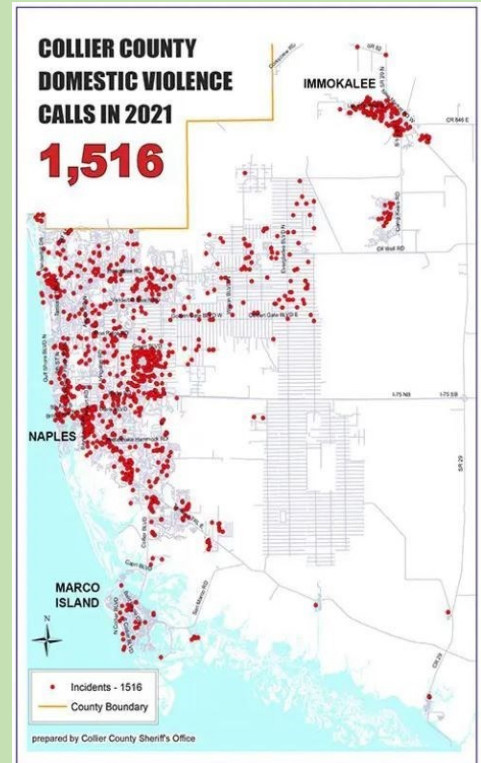
We have a few Chaplains coming in the next week to meet our Director at the storage center to pick up items to go to deploying troops and we will probably give them a few gift cards also.

We also have troops deployed to the border and they find it dry, hot, and dusty. There were 8 Chaplains who were able to provide a cold drink for their troops on a hot day thanks to gift cards we sent to them. We received a delightful letter from the Chaplain in Charge about how much the soldiers were surprised and thankful for such a nice treat.

I hope this provides you with some peek into how we are distributing gift cards we receive. Many of the cards we sent to the Chaplains are indeed given to individual soldiers so they can communicate with their families as needed. If you have any further questions, I would be happy to answer them. Again, thank you for the cards and I do apologize for the time it has taken me to respond. Sincerely, Mary Merlino

Packing Coordinator
Support Our Troops/NCP4P
North Carolina Distribution Center

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children You Can Help By Donating Today



[Everglades Community Church](#) is proud to support the [Center for Abused Women & Children of Naples](#). The impact of domestic violence and human trafficking reaches far beyond the victims, because violence does not stop at the front door; it infiltrates our workplaces, schools, places of worship, and other social places where people gather. **Annually, over 1500 calls for domestic violence are made to 911 in Collier County, and many more go unreported.** VISIT OUR WEBSITE to view and read Pas-

The Center for Abused Women & Children operates a 60-bed emergency shelter and seven transitional living cottages. The Shelter operates a 24-hour Crisis Line, two 60-bed emergency shelters (Naples and Immokalee, FL) and nine Transitional Living cottages in Collier County, FL. All in-house and outreach programs and services, training and education are provided free of charge.

Everglades Community Church considers the **Center for Abused Women & Children** one of our most important missions. Donations collected help fund:

- Center operations
- Support & educational programs
- Resources for displaced families
- Renovations, new construction & repairs
- Supplies & services for residents

Every penny counts. Please help the most vulnerable in our community by making your contribution today.



Click the Charity Navigator icon above to learn more about the center.

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