



Micronesia Christmas Drop

The Rotary Club of Ryugasaki-chuo

Rotary Club of Banmi
District 3350 RI
September 14, 2001

Dear Dr. Yoshiro Nagatomo,

According to the project W04038, your Rotary club had donated US\$ 500 to the Rotary Club of Banmi for providing shoes for barefoot students in Banmi primary schools. Recently we have already done the project which could give 165 pairs of shoes for students of three primary schools. To enclose with this letter, we have sent the photos and a certified card for your club. On behalf of our club and students, I would like to thank you very much for your club. We hope to work with you again.

Best regards,

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バンミの12校の小中学生のくつを165双の寄付プロジェクト
について、
つい最近、我々は3つの小学校に165足のくつを
寄付しました。
この手紙にその写真と感謝状を同封します。
我々バンミクラブと小中学生は貴クラブに
大変感謝しております。
我々は再度貴クラブとのプロジェクトを
行うことを望みます。



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Rotary members will have given approximately US\$500 million to the campaign by the year 2005, the target date for certification of a polio-free world.

Through The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus program, more than one million Rotary volunteers from around the globe have contributed to the success of polio eradication efforts.

Rotary is the key private-sector partner in this international health effort. Public-sector partners include the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Rotary is service-driven. Belonging to a Rotary club gives men and women an organized outlet for contributing to their community.

Founded in 1905, Rotary is the world's first service organization. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self" —Rotary concerns itself with truth, fairness, improved relations between people and world peace. The avenues of Rotary service include community and international volunteerism through club activity and the promotion of ethics in all vocations.

Rotary has a global network of 1.2 million members in more than 29,000 clubs in 160 countries.

Rotary members meet weekly to plan service activities. Rotary clubs are

autonomous and determine their own service projects based on local needs and the interests and abilities of members.

Rotary clubs are non-religious, non-governmental and open to every race, culture and creed. Club membership represents a cross-section of local business and professional leaders.



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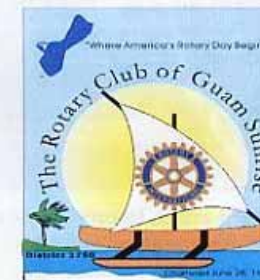
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Operation Christmas Drop

Working with the University of Guam, local and national media, the Government of Guam, and Guam village mayor's offices, an intensive public awareness campaign is conducted each year. With the support of individuals, businesses, and many professional and charitable organizations across the United States, over \$100,000 in cash and merchandise is collected to support this activity, with everything going to the islanders. Local fundraising efforts include many events, including a 5K run-walk, golf tournament, scuba diving trips, and chili cook-offs. In addition to providing humanitarian supplies for thousands of islanders, the event generates positive media coverage for Andersen Air Force Base and the United States Air Force.

The organization's efforts culminate in December when for one week, USAF C-130 aircraft, operating under the auspices of the Denton Amendment for humanitarian airlift, fly missions from Andersen Air Force Base to remote islands and atolls delivering containers of charitable goods, representing the combined generosity of Andersen Air Force Base and the citizens of Guam. The items include gifts for children, clothing, fishing equipment, sporting goods, food items, tools and many one-of-a-kind items airdropped to awaiting islanders.

The charitable work done by the Christmas Drop Organization is unparalleled. Many letters and stories have told of how the project's efforts have helped the recipients. One individual, a youngster, received a box of colored pencils, and later attended college on an art scholarship and became a successful artist. This project changes lives!

The Christmas Drop Organization demonstrates the best of Team Andersen, in partnership with the people of Guam, in action. For 48 years it has had a strong, positive impact on the lives of Guam's neighboring islanders, fulfilling the Chamorro name of Guam—Guahan, meaning "We have," and reflecting our community's desire to share.

2001 CHRISTMAS DROP WISH LIST

Sports Equipment

(gloves, bats, balls, etc)

Clothes/Linens

(preferably new or barely used items)

Canned Goods/Non-Perishable Food Items

Garden Tools

(shovels, picks, knives, machetes)

Toys for Kids

Snorkel Equipment

Fishing Gear

(books, line, lures, throw nets)

School Supplies

(notebooks, pencils, crayons)

Dental Products

Construction Tools

Planting Seeds

(vegetable, fruits, flowers)

Books



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Christmas cargo deployed

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It's been a tough year for America's troops. They have been deployed to fight and defend in Iraq. They have watched hundreds of their colleagues and tens of thousands of Iraqi soldiers and civilians fall in the war. And the light at the end of the tunnel is still looking pretty dim.

But thousands of miles and weeks apart from the hub of that conflict, a few troops get to do something they can feel really good about.

They get to play Santa.

This week, members of the 36th Airlift Squadron out of Yokota Air Base in Japan are on island to help disperse dozens of boxes — filled with donated supplies and toys — to the most remote islands of the West Pacific, participating in the Air Force's 51st annual Christmas Drop.

"It's such a boost," said Capt. Jamie Jewett, pilot and aircraft commander of "Santa 02," one of three C-130 cargo planes charged with dropping the goods onto the islands yesterday.

"You get all wrapped up talking about wars and their tragedies but doing something like this just makes you feel so much relief. ... We're not creating life but at least we're sustaining it, instead of always doing the opposite," she said.

Other members of the crew expressed similar sentiments.

"This is one of the best feelings I've ever had in my whole life, it honestly was," said Jewett's glowing co-pilot, Capt. Pat Sims, after the cargo plane completed yesterday's drop and was returning to Guam.

Yesterday, "Santa 02" dropped right 500-pound boxes full of canned food, water, tools, clothes and toys on four islands in the secluded Naronuto Atoll, located in the northern region of Chuuk state in the Federated States of Micronesia.

From the outside, the 30-year-old aircraft looks like a semitruck with wings. From inside, it looks like a gutted, padded commercial plane with numerous gizmos and gadgets — plus items such as a ladder, a brown, a football, a basket to use as a toilet, and red, mesh-netted benches.

As the pilots and navigators in the cockpit maneuvered hundreds of feet above the tiny islands, the



Photos by Brian Forde/Pacific Daily News/Micronesia.com

Above: A box loaded with donated goods tumbles out of an Air Force C-130 plane yesterday while over an island in Chuuk state in the Federated States of Micronesia. Members of the 36th Airlift Squadron from Yokota Air Base in Japan flew Operation Christmas Drop right this year.

Top left: Air Force personnel take a break and enjoy the view from the rear of a C-130 cargo plane after making the last bundle drop yesterday.

Bottom left: Master Sgt. John Horcock writes a Christmas message on one of the Christmas boxes before it is delivered by parachute to an island in Chuuk.

TO THE POINT

▲ This week, the 51st Annual Christmas Drop is delivering donated supplies and toys to about 35 remote islands throughout Micronesia. Operation Christmas Drop is a program in which

originally from Houston, Texas, said he had volunteered for the Christmas Drop mission and said the mission was exciting and appreciative, especially to the people of Guam. He said, "They asked us to wish the people

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Holiday packages: A Christmas supply box, dropped from a C-130 military cargo plane, landed on one of the many islands of Chuuk State in the Federated States of Micronesia during the annual Christmas Drop last week.

Christmas Drop 2004 resupply starts

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Some 40,000 pounds of food, water, clothes and toys were dropped on 42 remote Micronesian islands last week, the culmination of a year's worth of work by organizers.

Air Force Capt. Christopher Carmichael, the chairman of the Christmas Drop Committee, said the massive effort required full-time volunteer work by organizers, and that they collected about \$100,000 worth of goods — about twice as much as they could use this year. The excess will be stored for next year's drop.

The effort will begin again in a few weeks, with organizers already beginning to plan for next year's drop, which will be the U.S. Air Force's 52nd Christmas Drop.

This year, airmen and women from Yokota Air Base dropped packages over three days. They had previously planned a four-day effort, but the first day was canceled because their C-130 cargo planes needed maintenance.

However, they were able to service most of the islands they missed the first day in the following days,

TO THE POINT

▲ The 51st annual Christmas Drop culminated last week after a massive collection effort. About 84 boxes were dropped over 42 remote Micronesian islands.

HOW TO HELP

▲ To donate to next year's Christmas Drop, contact Capt. Christopher Carmichael at 366-5253.

said Lt. Col. Chuck Eastman, deploy commander for the Christmas air drops. He said only three islands originally planned for were not serviced.

In the past, the Air Force has dropped packages on remote islands for as many as seven days, Eastman said, but he said this year the drop was limited to four days because the air squadron had to complete training requirements to maintain its wartime capabilities.

Carmichael said he volunteered 30 to 40 hours a week of his personal time to the effort, going around to various organizations for donations through the year, and organizing other fund-raisers. Others contributed similar efforts, he said.

Since November, he said, about 40 collection stations were set up around the island and their contents had to be collected each day and tak-

en to a warehouse on Andersen Air Force Base in Yigo.

Later, the contents were sorted, separated into boxes, and fitted with decommissioned parachutes.

From there, the air troops loaded the boxes onto the cargo planes and dropped them on the remote islands.

Carmichael said he devoted so much of his time to the effort primarily for altruistic reasons, but won't be able to chair the committee this year because he will be leaving island in May.

"I just enjoy volunteering. I volunteer a lot of my time for a lot of things. I do because it makes me feel good about humanity and myself," he said. "When the mission was successful and everything was done, it was tremendously rewarding that we actually did something like that. That it actually got done, especially since last year we couldn't get all the boxes out because of the typhoon."

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