

How we do what we do:

Our luncheons are made possible by supporters who care about our recovering OEF/OIF combat vets and who ask for nothing in return.

They are military brats, military vets, moms and dads of Marines or Sailors and troop supporters from all across the country. They do this out of the goodness of their hearts and are listed on our Supporters page.

Every penny donated to our mission goes toward the luncheons, pantry items, and gift bags. Gas, phone calls, printing, postage, and often some of the luncheon items are out of our pockets. Funding for the website maintenance is donated specifically for that purpose.

We held 6 luncheons and served more than 305 recovering vets, their family members, and staff in 2007. The cost to do what we do averaged \$8.54 per person in 2007 using the official headcount of 305 that we based our shopping on. This cost includes the luncheon, the pantry items, and the gift bags. Our compensation for doing this are the smiles, the thank you's, and the hugs we receive when we do a luncheon.

We are a charitable organization serving the OEF/OIF war wounded, their families, and staff who work with them at Bethesda. We are not an IRS recognized 501(c)3 corporation yet so therefore we cannot and do not solicit donations. MarineMoms-Bethesda has an EIN.

In addition to monetary gifts, to date 06/01/08 we have had the following gifted to us:

Wal-Mart and Sams Club gift cards
Approximately 150 lbs of T-shirts from Embroidery Friends.
Artwork for mugs and the mugs for use as special gifts
Server space and domain registration for the website.
Arbonne Products for the ladies' goodies bags by Ann Thomas and Friends.
Combs imprinted with "MarineMoms-Bethesda" for the gift and goodie bags.
Filled gift bags, Girl Scout cookies, and table decorations from Junior Girl Scout Troop 122
VitaMix blender from Operation Santa @ the Hospitals
Personal care gift bag items and socks by Marine Mom Andria
Special gift bags and packs of note cards for the bags by Marine Mom Karen
Children's books, coloring books, and crayons by Marine Mom Chris Entenmann's by Dave Spangle
Honey and Sorghum by Junior Brock and Roxanne's Gang
MarineMoms-Bethesda logo shirts
Seated massages by Jessi from Peace at Hand
Stuffed Backpacks including t-shirts, shorts, socks, wallets, watches, and hygiene items; paperback books, Girl Scout cookies, candy, children's books, crayons, coloring books, toys, stuffed animals, Age-appropriate back packs for girls and boys, and more from Washington State Operation ThankYou.

Total Income for the year ending 12/31/2007 - \$3,377.63

(includes Wal-Mart gift cards; does not include in-kind donations; does not include Operation Santa.@ the Hospitals.)

Luncheon expense – 1996.60
(includes lunch, pantry and gift bags)
Website – 523.33
(new site built and maintenance)
New checks – 12.83
(opened the checking account)
Gift bags – 35.00
(an off-luncheon visit)
P.O. Box rental – 36.00
(yearly, small box rental)

Total Expenses - \$2,603.76

COH 12/31/07 for 2008 luncheons - \$773.87

**Thank you to our supporters for helping us with our luncheons.
We couldn't do what we do without your help.**