

## 2009-10 Campaign to Support Our Troops & Their Families



### US/NYS HOCKEY PLAYERS SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

On Thanksgiving 2007 our hockey family began a campaign through the New York State Youth Hockey Community to support our troops and their families. It has been and continues to be a tremendous success. We have raised more than \$30,000 to date and we have been able to directly and indirectly provide support for nearly 90 New York Military families who have suffered the loss of a loved one in Iraq or Afghanistan. Due to the popularity of our program and the overwhelming desire of so many people beyond New York State to participate, we are now expanding the campaign to a national scale!

*I have included just one of the many notes we have received from military families thanking us for our support. Please take a look at what they have to say. You will see that what we are doing has a tremendous and positive impact.*

*Dear Coach Gili & Family,*

*We received a note from the Food Bank of Western New York that you had generously contributed to the food bank in memory of our son, PFC Travis Krege. I can't tell you how touched we were by your remembrance in his name. You should know that our family loves hockey and our Buffalo Sabers and Travis loved nothing more than going to Sabers' games or playing hockey around the neighborhood. Our garage door has the dents to prove it!*

*He came home on leave in October 2006 and the only requests he made was to please go to some games. We were able to go to one game as a family and Travis and his dad went to another game with tickets given to him by Chris Drury, who happened to live on my postal route at the time.*

*Six weeks to the day from the time he left for Iraq, he was killed.*

*Although our sorrow is great, we are so touched by this wonderful way you and the NY Hockey Players remember our troops and in doing so, the families too.*

*God bless you all and thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.*

*Sincerely, Sandy, Mike and Shauna Krege (Parents and sister of US Army PFC Travis C. Krege KIA on 12/6/06 in Hawiji Iraq from Cheektowaga, NY)*

## **How does the program work and how can you participate?**

We raise our funds through the sale of 4" sew-on patches (like the ones shown at the top of this mail) that supporters purchase at \$5 each. The patches are worn on jerseys, jackets, equipment bags and displayed in other ways as well. Funds raised by teams, organizations and individuals will be donated to military families from those States where the patches are purchased. Funds raised by New Jersey teams go to military families from NJ, Pennsylvania to military families from Pennsylvania and so on.

We also send patches to active military members and to wounded warriors and veterans at no charge of course. We accept donations for this purpose too, to help defray the cost. We have already sent 1000's of patches out for these purposes.

We hope that you can join us this season in making a difference to some very special neighbors. All assistance is welcome. Participation is easy.

This program has enabled our hockey community to make a civic minded statement beyond our ranks and it has given our young people a simple and direct opportunity to support those people and their families who have suffered extraordinary sacrifice and loss.

### **Mail To: NYS Hockey Players Support Our Troops!**

**c/o Charlie Gili  
3906 Avenue R  
Brooklyn, NY 11234**

**Your Name & Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Team/Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Where Your Organization is based:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Patches:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$5 per patch/Checks made out to: On Behalf of NYSHPSOT**

**(Please note your State in the memo portion of your check)**

**Please contact me if you would like to sponsor/host a patch sales table at your rink or tournament.**

**All inquiries about us and our program can be sent to [Gili498@aol.com](mailto:Gili498@aol.com)**

Please help us to continue our efforts this year as our service members continue to fulfill their missions. How you can help: --Buy a patch for yourself or someone else--Encourage your teams and organization to participate--Buy a patch and send it to a service member--Sponsor a patch sales table at a home weekend or tournament--Make a donation--

***Warmest Regards, Charlie Gili & Family--On Behalf of US/NYS Hockey Players Support Our Troops!***