

Cell phone recycling project aids troops

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WESTERLY — SERVE! Inc., a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is now taking part in the national Cell Phones For Soldiers program. Old cell phones are accepted and recycled, with the funds used to give soldiers calling cards.

Receptacles for cell phones are being placed throughout the area, with current locations being the Hope Valley Post Office, the UPS Store, 224 Post Road in Dunn's Corners, and BRL Associates, 35 Brook St., Noank.

If you are interested in hosting a box to collect cell phones or would like to know more about the program, call **SERVE!** president Dave Mann at 401-539-7762.

SERVE! recently shipped several care packages to soldiers as well as items to needy children at an orphanage in the Philippines. To make a donation of goods, visit the following locations: Eagle's Nest, Dime Bank, the Cooked Goose, the UPS Store, Edward Jones and McQuade's Hardware in Westerly, St. Mary's Church in Stonington, and McQuade's Marketplace and the VFW in Mystic. Coin boxes are available for cash donations to help offset the costs of shipping and purchase additional items. Coin boxes can be found at locations such as Bogue's Alley in Pawcatuck, the Cooked Goose and the UPS Store in Westerly.

Items that can be sent to soldiers include snack foods, reading material, puzzle books, toiletries, writing materials and films. All materials should be either small sizes or easy to separate into small portions at the time of shipment, as soldiers may be traveling, taking only what they can carry with them during missions.

Items that are not suitable for sending overseas are donated to other charitable organizations or used to promote education or combat hunger. Larger donations may be taken directly to the UPS Store.

SERVE! is also seeking names and addresses for troops serving overseas so

that care packages can be sent to them.

To offer a name, contact Aaron Greenberg, the organization's treasurer, at The Sun, (401) 348-1000 ext. 270, or servenonprofit@yahoo.com, or visit the UPS Store in Dunn's Corners.

Meetings are held every other Tuesday night at 5:30 p.m. at the UPS Store. The next meeting is March 8. Attendance is not mandatory, but highly encouraged. If you wish to attend, call the store at 401-322-5060 for directions.

For more, visit servenonprofit.com or see the Facebook page, www.facebook.com/pages/SERVE-Non-Profit/322556353442.