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**CELEBRATING THE U.S. MILITARY THRU THE YEARS  
Special Kindness In Packages, Inc. To Host 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner May 31, 2008**

**HANSON, MA** — Special Kindness In Packages (SKIP), a Brockton-based, non-profit organization and member of the Department of Defense's *America Supports You* program, announced today the official launch of ticket sales for the organization's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner to be held on May 31, 2008 at 7pm. Enjoy a great dinner, support the U.S. military and their families, and take a chance at leaving with some great raffle and silent auction items. Tickets for the dinner **must be purchased in advance** and can be purchased online by visiting [specialkindness.org](http://specialkindness.org) or contacting Tracy Stiers at (774) 218-1797.

The theme of this year's SKIP benefit dinner is *Celebrating the U.S. Military Thru the Years* and according to Tracy Stiers, President and founder of SKIP, "our annual dinner is currently our largest fundraiser. We need the support of all area communities to continue our mission."

More than 320 care packages are sent to deployed military members each time SKIP volunteers visit the post office. More than 5,000 care packages have been sent by SKIP since the organization was founded in October of 2004. More than \$50,000 has been spent by SKIP to cover the shipping costs alone for these care packages. And as one service member said, "It is not an easy mission, but it is a critical one. Your support is very important to us all. You are the greatest strength we have."

Special guest speaker Shawna Mykes, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, will tell the story of being a military dependent and how military deployments have impacted her. All military dependent children will receive a special gift from SKIP and the first 50 tickets sold will be placed in a special drawing.

**Dinner Details**

- **Date:** May 31, 2008
- **Location:** Hanson Athletic Association, Reed Street, Hanson, MA
- **Time:** 7pm
- **Ages:** all ages
- **Cost:** \$40 per adult ticket \$20 per child ticket (ages 13 and younger) 50% of ticket price is tax deductible
- **Capacity:** 150

**Raffle/Auction items:**

Southwest Airline tickets, Six Flags admissions, Harbor Cruises, autographed Celtics photo, and many more

**Support the Troops T-Shirts and Teddy Bears** will also be sold for \$10 each by the organization.

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**Special Kindness In Packages Mission**

Special Kindness In Packages, Inc. ships personalized care packages and correspondence to deployed members of the U.S. military, and offers individually tailored support and guidance to military members and their families before, during, and after deployment. To learn more about SKIP please visit [www.specialkindness.org](http://www.specialkindness.org).

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