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Military Families in Charleston to Receive Special Gifts from Non-Profit Support Military Spouses to Make Special Deliveries Thursday, May 19th

- WHO:** Media and Military Spouses & their families are invited to attend
- WHAT:** *Support Military Spouses Appreciation Care Packages* delivery party. Charleston military spouses will receive a free *Appreciation Care Package*, a gift for their active duty spouse, and gifts for their children.
- WHEN:** **Thursday, May 19th, 2016 09:30am-10:30am**
- WHERE:** Felix Davis Community Center – 4800 Park Pl E, North Charleston, SC 29405
- WHY:** “Military spouses and their families sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy,” said Dr. Steven and Diane Rumley, Co-founders, *Support Military Spouses*. “By giving a *Care Package*, we wish to say *thank you* on behalf of a grateful nation.”



ABOUT: *Support Military Spouses* goal is to recognize and applaud the undaunted courage of military wives and husbands as they shoulder the responsibility of family life, care for wounded warriors, and honor the memory of our nation’s fallen heroes. We do this with the help of patriotic volunteers, committed partners, and through programs that educate, appreciate and reaffirm the sacrifice, patriotism and selflessness of all military spouses.

Appreciation Care Packages for military spouses, the nation’s only program of its kind, is the *flagship* of *Support Military Spouses*. It is our vision and goal to assemble, collect, and distribute *Appreciation Care Packages* filled with items that are encouraging in nature to every U.S. military wife or husband whose spouse is active duty. *Support Military Spouses* is a Christian non-profit organization. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.SupportMilitarySpouses.org or call 919-274-7344.

SUPPORT: *Support Military Spouses* acknowledges the help and support of all their community partners and sponsors. The generosity of Penske, the Walmart Foundation, Wells Fargo, Hallmark, and American Bible Society ensures deserving military spouses receive encouragement in the form of an *Appreciation Care Package*.



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CHARLESTON, SC – The countless daily sacrifices that military spouses and their families make are often underappreciated or overlooked.

One unique non-profit organization is doing all it can to rectify that oversight. On Thursday, May 19th, at 09:30am, Support Military Spouses will be at the Felix Davis Community Center to deliver *Care Packages* for Military Spouses, gifts for the active duty spouse, and gifts for their children.

Volunteers throughout North and South Carolina assembled the *Appreciation Care Packages* destined for the military spouses in Charleston.

The assembly-line effort is part of the *Appreciation Care Packages* program organized by *Support Military Spouses*.

The program, whose main focus is on military spouses, is the only kind in the nation.



Support Military Spouses Co-Founders Dr. Steven and Mrs. Diane Rumley said, “This program is a way to recognize and appreciate the multitude of challenges the spouses face.”

Each *Appreciation Care Package* for a military spouse contains a wide array of gifts, including jewelry and a New Testament.

“But just as importantly,” said the Rumleys, “each package carries a personal handwritten card. Those heartfelt messages, penned by thousands of Carolina school children and patriotic adults, have made an emotional impact on the military families in the past years.”



Now in its eighth year, *Support Military Spouses* is expanding an already strong relationship with military families.

The organization serves SC military bases Joint Base Charleston, Fort Jackson, Shaw AFB, NC military bases Camp Lejeune, Seymour Johnson AFB, Fort Bragg, and GA military base Moody AFB. The organization has implemented two programs to help active duty service members, military spouses and veterans improve their financial knowledge and work skills including hosting military spouse job fairs.

Money Management Workshops aim to help attendees build a strong credit score, provide tips for credit card usage and teach proper budgeting through workshops.

Job Skills Training provides useful skills on resume writing, proper usage of social media and job research. *Support Military Spouses* hosts Military Community Job Fairs connecting qualified active duty service members, military spouses, and veterans with military friendly employers.

Both programs are offered near the military bases. In addition, program information is available via webinars, emails, and social media.

Individuals interested in registering for any *Support Military Spouses* programs can visit www.SupportMilitarySpouses.org

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