A LOCAL RESTAURANT IS TRYING TO MAKE THE HOLIDAYS A LITTLE BRIGHTER FOR SOME OF OUR COUNTRY'S BRAVEST.

THE BRASS RAIL ON LEHIGH STREET IS GETTING READY TO SEND A BUNCH OF CARE PACKAGES TO OUR SOLDIERS, BUT THEY NEED YOUR HELP.

CARL MADONNA REPORTS.

9:13 "...Christmas is about surprises too."

Reporter:

IT CERTAINLY IS. SHARON SHAFER WANTS TO MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS NO DIFFERENT FOR HER SON TREVOR WHO'S SERVING IN RAMADI, IRAQ.

SO SHARON AND THE STAFF AT THE BRASS RAIL RESTAURANT IN ALLENTOWN ARE COLLECTING EVERYTHING YOU CAN IMAGINE TO SEND TO THE 228TH FORWARD SERVICES BATTALION.

Sharon:

8:04 "...even though they are far away it's very lonely, a lot of them get very homesick they know that people are thinking about them and what they're doing over there for us counts because we can be here safe and celebrate Christmas."

STAND UP:

19:52 "...For the next nine days anyone who wants to make the holidays a little bit brighter for our men and women in Iraq can do so by stopping by the Brass Rail on Lehigh Street and drop of anything from money to Q-tips."

Sharon:
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9:32 "...cards, letters, anything that says we remember you is just as valuable as anything."

Dennis Nothstein:

13:54 "...can't describe how it makes me feel that people are helping me help the soldiers over there."

Reporter:

THE STAFF AT THE BRASS RAIL IS ALSO SENDING PACKAGES TO A HANDFUL OF SOLDIERS THEY FOUND AT ANYSOLDIER.COM.

Nothstein:

14:20 "...pick soldiers who are going to be there for a while yet and send them packages over there to make their holiday season a little better."

Reporter:

THE PACKAGES WILL BE SHIPPED ON NOVEMBER 15TH TO MAKE SURE THE SOLDIERS GET THEM BY CHRISTMAS.

YOUR DONATIONS WILL ALSO HELP PAY FOR SHIPPING THE PACKAGES.

KEEP IN MIND EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SENT PRIORITY MAIL SO IT COSTS A LITTLE BIT MORE.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP OUT DROP OFF WHAT YOU CAN GIVE, FROM NERF FOOTBALLS TO CASH AT THE BRASS RAIL.

IN ALLENTOWN, CARL MADONNA, 69 NEWS.

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