



Sweets En Route to U.S. Troops

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Nearly 400 pounds of Halloween candy collected by the Laguna Beach Parents Club was packaged up and shipped to Afghanistan this week, according to Jill Fletcher-Espinola, the club's co-president.

It took 11 boxes to contain 384 pounds of candy and four dozen hand-written cards from local Laguna kids. "We would like to thank Hill Insurance of Laguna Beach for supporting our candy drive by underwriting the cost of the shipping," she said.

The recipient is Marine Lt. Col. Douglas Glasgow and the Flying Tigers Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361, who will separate the confectionary cargo into care packages and drop them via helicopter to front line troops.

"Thank you for getting the bad guys, and don't forget to show them who's boss," read one note from River, age 5, a Laguna Beach resident.

The club received 10 times more donations this year than during previous drives, said Fletcher-Espinola, who expressed appreciation for town collection points as well as to club members and reserve pilots Brie and Jason Walker, who contacted their former squadron about delivery.



Tessa Espinola with 300 pounds of donated Halloween candy.