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## PITTSBURGH AREA HOTELS DONATE SUPPLIES TO ARMED FORECS IN IRAQ

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Several Pittsburgh area hotels including five Hampton Inns joined together to support Soldiers' Angels Foundation. The non-profit organization was formed in 2003 with a mission to provide aid and comfort to the active armed forces and their families. The Pittsburgh area hotels listed below donated toiletries such as soap, combs, razors, shaving cream, sewing kits, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste and even towels.

Hampton Inn Pittsburgh Airport	<a href="http://www.pittsburghhamptoninn.com">www.pittsburghhamptoninn.com</a>
Hampton Inn Greentree	<a href="http://www.pittsburghhamptoninn.com">www.pittsburghhamptoninn.com</a>
Hampton Inn Cranberry	<a href="http://www.pittsburghhamptoninn.com">www.pittsburghhamptoninn.com</a>
Hampton Inn Oakland Univ Center	<a href="http://www.pittsburghhamptoninn.com">www.pittsburghhamptoninn.com</a>
Hampton Inn Monroeville	<a href="http://www.pittsburghhamptoninn.com">www.pittsburghhamptoninn.com</a>
Holiday Inn Express Cranberry	<a href="http://www.holidayinnexpresspittsburghcranberry.com">www.holidayinnexpresspittsburghcranberry.com</a>
Residence Inn by Marriott Cranberry	<a href="http://www.residenceinnpittsburgh.com">www.residenceinnpittsburgh.com</a>
Hawthorn Suites Greentree	<a href="http://www.hawthornsuitespittsburgh.com">www.hawthornsuitespittsburgh.com</a>

The supplies donated by the hotels have been shipped to hospitals run by the United States military for wounded soldiers. Katie Schmidt, who is with the Hampton Inn Pittsburgh Airport hotel, organized the donation. Ms. Schmidt commented, "We saw a segment about the Soldier's Angels group on the local NBC affiliate in Pittsburgh and thought how easy it would be to help out. After contacting Soldier's Angels we were able to quickly organize the effort and lend a hand."

Vista Host and the eight participating hotels are proud to be involved with this effort. To learn more about the Soldier's Angels Foundation, please visit [www.soldiersangels.org](http://www.soldiersangels.org).

### **About Vista Host**

Vista Host is a Houston based hotel management company serving owners of Hampton Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Holiday Inn Express, Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott,

Courtyard by Marriott, Residence Inn by Marriott, Hawthorn Suites, Homewood Suites, Comfort Suites, and AmeriSuites. Founded in 1977 by Michael V. Harrell, Vista Host operates 34 hotels throughout the United States.

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