

## GALLANT CHALLENGE!

# Candy Comfort


By Robert Lerosé

**L**ibbie Stanton was seven years old and on vacation when she heard about a sweet idea. Each year after Halloween, an organization called Soldiers' Angels accepts candy through a collection drive, Treats for Troops. Then they send the treats to veterans who are overseas or in hospitals, to help them feel a little closer to home.

Libbie thought her town could help. She put up posters and went on news programs, asking people to donate Halloween candy. She put out donation boxes at her school, the public library, and the town's welcome center, and collected candy that local dentists "bought back" from patients.

Then, with help from the local VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) organization, Soldiers' Angels sent the collected candy to service people.

## A Ton of Sweets

Libbie's candy drive collected 60 pounds of candy the first year, 400 pounds the next—and 2,000 pounds (1 ton!) last fall. With the town's help, she plans to keep the drive going. "I get a lot of joy from knowing that the troops get joy from getting candy," Libbie says. "It gives them a little feeling of being back home." 



## A Taste of Home

Do you know people who are far from home and might feel homesick? You may like to support veterans, foreign-aid workers, or others. Talk with your family about how you'd like to help. Then tell us about it!

*Highlights*  
A Taste of Home  
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**Libbie Stanton** organized a candy collection in her town to give veterans a taste of "home sweet home."

