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Wal-Mart gives donation to troops



Shopping for soldiers, Doris Dancer, Gloria Agyemang, Army Specialist Ryan Lamb, Heather Lamb and Elizabeth Philipp collect items to lift the spirits of soldiers serving in Iraq.

The Wal-Mart donated \$400 to the Irving Schools Foundation (ISF) for troops on active duty. Ryan Lamb, a 2002 MacArthur High School graduate and member of 1st Armored Division, 2nd Brigade, on a 15 day rest and recuperation leave selected items from the Wal-Mart location at Airport Freeway in Irving for his fellow soldiers.

"While we are over there, we are often bored," Lamb said. "So we want DVDs, music, books and things like that. This means a lot. There are guys over there who never receive anything from home. It is really hard for them. Some of them don't have much family and those are the guys I am planning to give most of this stuff to.

"I work in south Baghdad; I have been there since March. I'll be there for another six months. I am a combat engineer. Currently, I do route reconnaissance and clearance. That means I go out and find

the roadside bombs before they find us.

"This is a really cool program. I appreciate what people are doing. It is nice to know that the folks back home support us. When we actually meet people who support us, we can go back and tell others that there are people who support you," he said.

Ryan's mom, Heather Lamb, is a librarian at de Zavala Middle School.

"Having my son in Iraq is scary, but I am very proud," Ms. Lamb said. "He takes it very seriously and he has a good head on his shoulders. He is a good kid.

"I think this donation will show that we are proud of them and support them. I think when all these boxes come and he tells them they are sharing, they will be very excited. They will know that people are standing behind them," she said.

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