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STATUS REPORT: Helmets of Hope @ 80 deliveries

On the occasion of our 80th supply delivery, which we made earlier today, and with thanks and praise to God, I offer us a summary of the delivery side our ministry since our first deliveries in December 2015.

DELIVERIES: THE BASICS

- 80 deliveries
- 17,068 supply items (*213 items/delivery*)
- 445 move-in kits
- On average, a delivery every 16 days since December 2015

AMONG OUR PARTNER AGENCIES

- **The VA's Community Resources and Referral Center in Davenport (CRRC)**
 - 42 deliveries
 - 8,083 items (*192 items/delivery*)
 - 128 move-in kits
- **The Veterans Accessing Long-Term Opportunities & Resources program in Davenport (VALOR)**
 - 27 deliveries
 - 5,540 items (*205 items/delivery*)
 - 194 move-in kits
- **The Salvation Army in Galesburg/Peoria**
 - 11 deliveries
 - 3,445 items (*313 items/delivery*)
 - 123 move-in kits

OUR SUPPLY ITEMS, IN ORDER OF THE NUMBER DELIVERED PER MONTH

1. (tie) Paper Towels / Toilet Paper (*51 rolls / 4-packs per month*)
3. Dish Soap (*42 bottles/month*)
4. Rags (*27/month*)
5. Laundry Soap (*26 bottles/month*)
6. Garbage bags (*21 boxes/month*)
7. (tie) All-Purpose Cleaner / Toilet Cleaner (*19 bottles of each/month*)
9. Pine Cleaner (*18 bottles/month*)
10. Sponges (*16 two-packs/month*)
11. (tie) Bleach / Glass Cleaner / Tub-Shower Cleaner (*14 bottles of each/month*)
14. Sponge Mops (*10/month*)
15. (tie) Broom / Utility Bucket / Dust Pan / Laundry Basket / Scrub Brush / Toilet Brush (*9 of each per month*)

This is an exciting time in Helmets history. We've expanded our service area to 36 counties – one of which is on the Illinois-Indiana border – an expansion fueled by a higher level of engagement with the Salvation Army in Peoria and its new program offering short-term emergency housing to veterans. In addition, the first half of 2019 is now guaranteed to be the most active January-June delivery period in our history - nearly 2,900 supply items provided to our partners.

On the financial side, we've welcomed more money from more donors and donations in these first six months of 2019 than we did in all of 2018. And it's exciting to witness the emerging role our crafters are playing in our fundraising systems. That part of our team has a vision and is actively, creatively, and successfully pursuing its fulfillment.

Let us take little or no credit for these good things. God has blessed us mightily. Our role has been simply to accept the mission and be faithful to our calling. Because we have done so, today we celebrate 80 supply deliveries and a ministry the likes and impact of which none of us could have imagined when we first decided to provide household supplies to vets, just about four years ago now. Praise God!