

BOSS drives to give back to the community

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(Left to Right) PFC. Felipe Figueroa, Sgt. Nathanael Dye and SPC. Scotty Hong, of the Carlisle Barracks Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program, display a bin they have placed to collect voluntary community contributions.

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CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa. (May 7, 2020) – Enlisted Soldiers of the Carlisle Barracks Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program are giving back to the community during a time of need and employing their core component of community service while demonstrating the Army value of selfless service.

The Soldiers of BOSS are sponsoring a voluntary COVID19 response donation drive through May 8. They have placed a collection bin at the front entrance of the Carlisle Barracks Commissary to collect voluntary community contributions, and Sgt. Nathanael Dye, Carlisle Barracks BOSS President, is accepting donations at the Chapel's Religious Services Office.

"Volunteering is a pillar of BOSS and what we do," said Dye. "I was trying

to think of how we could volunteer and keep ourselves safe, and that's when the donation drive came about. It's highly effective. It keeps the Soldiers from getting exposed, and it allows everyone to give back to the community."

Soldiers check and empty the bin daily and will donate the collected contributions after the drive is complete. "There are a lot of people who will be able to benefit from what we're doing, and we've collected a lot of goods," said Dye.

"The current health crisis is unprecedented and certainly a difficult period for many who are dealing with the loss of loved ones or financial hardships," said Carlisle Barracks Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Carden. "We hope that our efforts and contributions will provide some comfort and relief for a family in need, even if it's only for one meal.

"Giving back and helping those in need -- selfless service -- is a key Army value and important for Soldiers to understand. Kudos to Sgt. Dye and the Carlisle Barracks BOSS program for stepping up and showing the compassionate side of Soldiering. This initiative really does speak volumes for their character and of the value of the BOSS program at Army installations worldwide. I'm very proud to be a part of the Carlisle Barracks team and to be associated with such a wonderful group of Soldiers," said Carden.

The BOSS mission is to enhance the morale and welfare of single Soldiers, and BOSS sponsors a variety of activities to maintain the morale of Soldiers. The program's three core components are leisure and recreation, community service, and quality of life.