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AT&T SUPPORTS Forgotten Soldiers Outreach WITH DONATION OF \$5,000 to Start the New Year

January 17, 2012, — Starting off the New Year right, on Friday, January 13, Karl Blanco, AT&T director of Sales for South Florida and Carlos Blanco, the VP/GM for AT&T Mobility & Consumer Markets in South Florida presented Forgotten Soldiers Outreach with a \$5,000 check at Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc. (FSO) National Operation Center located in Lake Worth, Florida.

Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc. is a locally based, national 501c(3) charitable organization that has been sending out monthly “we care” packages to our troops serving overseas since 2003, covering all world theaters and all branches of service. Many of the recipients are fighting on the frontline. The FSO Mission is to simply “send that little bit of home, to assure they are *not forgotten*.” To date, FSO has benefitted close to 250,000 of our military personnel.

The funding received from AT&T will assist FSO in the shipping of at least 250 of our “we care” packages for the month of January. On a monthly basis, FSO prepare and ship out between 250-500 individual “we care” packages, as well as Squad boxes, to benefit even hundreds more of our Military Personnel serving overseas. All of our recipients are registered with FSO and receive monthly “we care” packages for their full deployment. Our “we care” packages serve well over 1,800 individuals in any one month, being sent to our Armed Forces covering all world theaters!

“Forgotten Soldiers Outreach is honored and thrilled to be one of the recipient charities of such a wonderful company, who truly exhibits a “heart for our troops,” said Lynelle Chauncey Zelnar, Executive Director and Founder. “Wow, to start off the New Year with such a generous donation, certainly means so much to our mission. The timing couldn’t be more perfect, when we are in such a bad economy situation, and more and more names of our Armed Forces are being registered to become a monthly recipient of our care packages. We are touched by the generosity, volunteerism and hearts of the AT&T.”

“AT&T has a long history of supporting military members and their families,” said Carlos Blanco, vice president and general manager, AT&T Mobility & Consumer Markets for South Florida. “We’ve donated nearly \$8 million in prepaid calling cards and have built roughly 70 call centers in Afghanistan and Kuwait to help keep military personnel connected to their families and loved ones while serving overseas. This donation to Forgotten Soldiers is one more way for us to recognize the sacrifice our troops are making everyday on behalf of our country.”

For more information on Forgotten Soldiers Outreach or for ways to help, please visit the website at www.forgottensoldiers.org or call: 561-369-2933. For more on AT&T’s support of troops, visit <http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=7930>.

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