

NYPD & Operation Gratitude Media Release

January 2021 - Manhattan, NY - National nonprofit Operation Gratitude is partnering with NYPD in 2021 to assemble and deliver 30,000 care packages containing handwritten letters of appreciation from grateful Americans, coffee, hydration drinks, single-serve snacks, candy, hygiene, and other comfort items. The launch event, for the assembly of 3,000 care packages, is the first of multiple events throughout the year, focused on bringing community volunteers together to share gratitude for the service and courage of their NYPD Officers.

Now more than ever, we have seen that frontline responders continue to tirelessly serve our communities and all of us with courage and resolve. The deliveries are part of Operation Gratitude's support for COVID-19 Frontline Responders, which has positively impacted more than 450,000 doctors and nurses in hospitals, police officers, firefighters, and EMTs, and National Guardsmen across the U.S since March 2020.

"On behalf of all the men and women of the NYPD, thank you for the thoughtful care packages and handwritten notes we received. During these extremely challenging times, our officers are very grateful for the support shown by those we serve in New York City and beyond", stated Police Commissioner Dermot Shea. "As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage and members of police departments across our nation dutifully go to work each day, upholding their sworn oaths to fight crime and keep people safe, this seemingly small gesture on the part of your donors and volunteers lifts our spirits tremendously."

The Operation Gratitude community of volunteers across the nation has been writing letters of gratitude, knitting and crocheting handmade items, hosting virtual collection drives for care packages, and making paracord bracelets. Through virtual volunteer opportunities, communities are able to come together and express their gratitude for COVID-19 Frontline Responders.

Interviews available with Operation Gratitude leadership: dtenconi@operationgratitude.com

About Operation Gratitude:

Operation Gratitude's mission is to forge strong bonds between Americans and their Military and First Responder heroes through volunteer service projects, acts of gratitude, and meaningful engagements in communities nationwide. For more information visit [OperationGratitude.com](https://www.operationgratitude.com), or follow us on Twitter at [@OpGratitude](https://twitter.com/OpGratitude).