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(McLean, Virginia) December 4, 2014—Vinson Hall Retirement Community, a McLean nonprofit CCRC, is partnering with Troop Treats to host a 2014 Operation Santa's Little Helpers packaging event on December 4, 2014.

Volunteers from Vinson Hall Retirement Community and Troop Treats organizers will come together in the Vinson Hall auditorium to pack 200 holiday stocking care packages containing thank-you notes as well as small items—such as sewing kits, coffee packs, playing cards, Slinkies, stress balls, jump ropes—to be shipped to the service men and women aboard the USS Carl Vinson.

The USS Carl Vinson, aircraft carrier which shares the same namesake as Vinson Hall Retirement Community, is the one of the newest recipient of the Troop Treat's stocking care packages. Vinson Hall Retirement Community volunteered to stuff stockings for those aboard the USS Carl Vinson in hopes of demonstrating their support for their friends out at sea. Vinson Hall Retirement Community's resident volunteers are retired military officers from all U.S. Uniformed Services, and government employees of equal rank from select government agencies such as the Departments of State and Defense, the CIA, and Foreign Service.

"Our community has a rich history of military service and we are excited to give back to those who are serving today," said Director of Development at Vinson Hall Retirement Community Paula Manczuk.

The event will be held at Vinson Hall, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA 22101. Resident volunteers should check in at Vinson Hall auditorium by 12:30 p.m.

Vinson Hall Retirement Community and Troop Treats aims to raise \$400 in addition to stuffing 200 stockings, which would be a huge success for both organizations. Donations can be made through PayPal at www.trooptreats.com, on Troop Treats' Facebook page using the "Fundrazr" feature, or by mail at Troop Treats, PO Box 3862, McLean, VA 22102.

"This is our 9th year for TroopTreats' program, Operation Santa's Little Helpers, and we think it's going to be our best one yet," said Troop Treats President and Founder Germaine Broussard. "We're expecting tremendous community support."

Troop Treats' corporate sponsors are Macerich, one of the nation's leading owners of shopping malls including Tyson's Corner Center, and the Fratkin Broussard Team of financial advisors at Morgan Stanley in McLean.

Last year, Troop Treats volunteers packed over 32,000 care packages containing toiletries, snack foods, decks of cards, and other gift items for U.S. deployed service men and women.

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