



How would you like to help a soldier call home?

The *Cell Phones for Soldiers* program was started in April 2004 by a sister and brother who knew at the ages of 13 and 12, respectively, the importance of hearing from a loved one.

Brittany and Robbie Bergquist of Norwell, Massachusetts, heard a report that soldiers and their families were spending thousands of dollars each month for phone bills just to stay in touch while serving their country. They started a fundraising effort to help pay those bills. In just four years, that effort has expanded and developed into the program that it is today that contributes 1.5 million phone minutes to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. AT & T has donated \$500,000 in phone cards and have provided drop off points for used cell phones in Cingular stores across the nation. Other large organizations have added their support as well.

Their father, Bob Bergquist said, "Cell Phones for Soldiers started as a small way to show our family's appreciation for the men and women who have sacrificed the day-to-day contact with their own families to serve in the U.S. armed forces. Over the past few years, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of others. But, we have also seen the need to support our troops continue to grow as more troops are sent overseas for longer assignments."

Won't you please show your support for our soldiers and contribute by recycling your old cell phones? The Pickerington Police Department is accepting cell phones at the station located at 1311 Refugee Road.

To learn more go to: www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/

Thank You