



## Talk Back to The Crier

To the Editor:

Did you by any chance stop by the Orchard Park grocery and flip a contribution into the bucket of the USO volunteers? If so, you were one of the many who participated in the "Honor Our Heroes Campaign" supported by the many USO Goodwill Kroger Ambassadors. There were 25 volunteers manning the buckets from June 22 through July 4 contributing over 100 hours to honor those serving in the armed forces. The motto of the USO is "till they all come home" and the volunteers, many who were veterans, used the services of the USO during their active duty. The USO stands ready to support active duty troops and their families.

But what is more important than the volunteers? It's you, the public, who so willingly contributed. You are due a great big thank you. The stories families shared with us gave encouragement to continue on with our mission. Specifically, one contributor mentioned his mother was Miss USO, another mentioned her mother and father met at a USO dance. Then there were the family stories of members currently serving. These contacts made our job so rewarding.

For the second year the Orchard Park Kroger store was number one in its district contributing over 33 percent of the total. Statewide the campaign exceeded the \$200,000 goal by nearly \$29,000. Our campaign was successful for only one reason and that's the support of the community. Dunwoody/Sandy Springs is a great place to live with the community support for programs like this a perfect example. Thanks for your support.

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