



Women's Guild members hold up a care package they prepared.

Making Care Packages for Parishioners Away from Home

Since 2011, the Women's Guild of the St. John Church of Southfield, MI, has been preparing and distributing care packages to college students and soldiers. In the course of the project, organized under the leadership of Carol Ohanesian, more than 55 packages have been shipped to cities and towns across the country.

Among other items, the packages include choreg, hot chocolate, and tea. They also contain a note from the Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, parish pastor, and the contact information for the closest Armenian Church.

Organizers say the initiative encourages young people who are away from home, and helps strengthen their ties to the parish and the Armenian Church.