



Operation Thank You and local beauty queen team up to sign 15,000 cards for troops!

Over fifteen Operation Thank You volunteers gathered 15,000 signed cards to encourage and support our troops, veterans, wounded warriors, and military families during the South Carolina State Fair, held from October 9-20, 2013.

These cards will be delivered to America's bravest men and women during the Thanksgiving holiday.

From 10am-3pm on Saturday, October 19, **New York Junior High School America, Gracen Grainger**, served as a volunteer at the Operation Thank You card signing tent. She feels that it is important to show support for those who give so much. According to Gracen, "Everyone loves to receive mail especially when they are far from home. I hope that my support shows service men and women just how important their sacrifice is to all Americans."

Lt Col Brian Bohlman, an Air National Guard chaplain, founded Operation Thank You in 2002 and says, "As we enjoy the food and festivities during the State Fair, it is important to remember the service and sacrifices of our troops at home and overseas. It only takes a minute to stop by and sign a card, but your words of encouragement will remind America's bravest men and women that they are not forgotten."

Those who couldn't make it to the South Carolina State Fair to sign a card, can visit **OperationThankYou.org** to order a variety of cards to sign for our troops, veterans, wounded warriors, and military families.

Operation Thank You is a registered South Carolina charity and federally approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible and can be made in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one. To help sponsor an event or make a contribution, visit www.OperationThankYou.org



Gracen Grainger volunteered at Operation Thank You card signing during 2013 South Carolina State Fair.