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**Donate your old cell phone,
help the environment, and
help our troops call home!**



How can you help the troops and our environment?

- ❖ Get those old, unwanted cell phones out of your junk drawer.
- ❖ Collect phones from family and friends.
- ❖ If your cell phone has a SIM card, please remove it.
- ❖ If you do not have a SIM card, clear the phone's memory of contacts and other stored information. Don't know how? Go to http://www.recellular.com/recycling/data_eraser/
- ❖ Drop off your phones in the *Cell Phones for Soldiers* bin near your school's office or main entrance by Friday, January 29.
- ❖ Because *Cell Phones for Soldiers* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, you may print a donation receipt available on the Green Team Committee page of the District 64 Web site: http://www.d64.org/site/files/10_d64cellreceipt.pdf

How do the troops benefit?

- ❖ The recycling company, ReCellular, who is the exclusive partner of *Cell Phones for Soldiers*, purchases our donated cell phones. (The Chamber of Commerce office is the main collection point for Park Ridge.)
- ❖ Money from ReCellular goes to the *Cell Phones for Soldiers* non-profit organization.
- ❖ *Cell Phones for Soldiers* purchases calling cards and sends them to troops in need – all branches of the U.S. military are included.
- ❖ Each donated cell phone will provide a soldier an hour of talk time with their loved ones.

What happens to the donated cell phones?

- ❖ Functional phones may be reconditioned, reprogrammed, and sold to wholesalers from more than 40 countries.
- ❖ Phones that cannot be resold are dismantled and recycled.

Recycling Facts:

1. Recycling cell phones reduces greenhouse gas emissions, keeps valuable material out of landfills and incinerators, and conserves natural resources.
2. According to the EPA, if Americans recycled 100 million phones, we could save enough upstream energy to power more than 194,000 U.S. households for a year.
3. If consumers were able to reuse those 100 million cell phones, the environmental savings would be even greater, saving enough energy to power more than 370,000 U.S. homes each year.
4. Recycling just ONE million cell phones reduces greenhouse gas emissions equal to taking 1,368 cars off the road for a year.
5. The EPA has targeted cell phone recycling because fewer than 20 percent of cell phones are recycled each year and most people do not know where to recycle them.

**Thanks in advance for your support of this
District 64 Green Team Committee project.**

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