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In response to Chris Guanche's article about Keiser University **Pembroke Pines** Campus' Christmas toy collection for Operation Homefront: I am thankful the Sun Sentinel chose to cover this event. The holidays can be an especially difficult time of year for families with loved ones serving in the armed forces, often separated by thousands of miles.

The toys and gifts collected, organized and distributed by Keiser University and Operation Homefront — a national non-profit group that assists military families — ensured the holidays were a little bit brighter for those who eagerly anticipate the return of their family members.

It also helped to alleviate some of the financial burden of our service members who have been deployed and are now trying to re-establish the lives they had prior to deployment.

As a veteran and graduate of Keiser University, I am thankful for my alma mater's continued efforts to support those who have served, and happy to have seen those efforts recognized in this paper.

We should be glad to have institutions like Keiser in our community, working hard to make our home a better place.

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