

The 12U girls volunteered their time with "Packed with Pride". Packed with Pride was founded by Becky Mizner, mother of soldier Jesse Mizner. When Jesse enlisted in the military in September 2002, Becky would write and send him packages often. Jesse asked Becky if she could do the same for some of his "Battle Buddies" who weren't getting anything from home, 17 to be exact. On Jan 7, 2004 Jesse's unit, 542nd Maintenance Co. came under mortar attack. 35 soldiers were injured and one fatality, Jesse. Jesse was 23 yrs. old and left behind a wife, Nicole, two daughters Eve (2), Gia (3) and newborn son, Alex. For his service, Jesse was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

To overcome her grief, Becky contacted a soldier she didn't know and asked him if she could write every so often and maybe send him a package. She knew that her son would have wanted that. Through this one soldier she was able to get the names of other soldiers who needed packages. Now, Packed with Pride sends packages to more than 800 men and women serving in our military. Each package contains the essentials: toothpaste, deoderant, toothbrush, soap, foot powder, socks, shampoo. Then she adds extra's like candy, beef jerky, chips, tuna, cards, fruit cups and a lot of other things.

Many of the items that are included in the packages come from donations made by the customers of Raley's in Stockton.

The 12&U players who participated were: Shelby Cordova, London Miller, Miranda Quesada, Anisha Richardson, Ciara Ervin. Also there were Gabrielle Quesada, Dora Cordova, Kim Ervin, Rich Miller and Velia Quesada.