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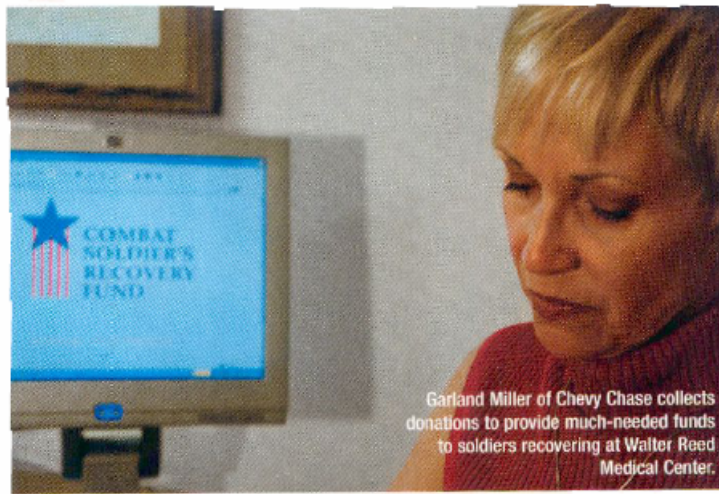
## Aid to Recovery

In just four months, Chevy Chase resident Garland Miller has written over \$42,000 in checks to soldiers recovering from war injuries at Walter Reed Medical Center—\$300 at a time, no questions asked.

“These are kids who just need a little extra to get them through very tough times,” says Miller, the founder of the Combat Soldier’s Recovery Fund. With the help of friends and business colleagues, including attorney Ray Sherbill of Potomac, who expedited Miller’s 503(c) request to become a nonprofit foundation, Miller collects donations and hand delivers funds to those who need it most.

One such soldier, Bryan Anderson from Rolling Meadows, Ill., lost both legs and part of his left arm in Iraq, and America has watched his road to recovery in the news since November 2005. In a letter to Miller, his mother, Janet Waso, also from Rolling Meadows, says it’s people like Miller that “give me back faith in mankind.”

Crystal (last name withheld) lost part of her right leg and shattered the bones in the other while “on the job” in Iraq. She



Garland Miller of Chevy Chase collects donations to provide much-needed funds to soldiers recovering at Walter Reed Medical Center.

says the money helped her father relocate to D.C. to be near her during her stay at Walter Reed Medical Center. “With me being here for more than a year, it was a good idea to find a comfortable place to live,” she says.

Routinely picking up a stack of postcards, each one an anonymous request for assistance, Miller gets to work on soliciting money from anywhere she can get it and wonders how many soldiers she can help that day.

“Everyone involved is doing it out of the goodness of their hearts,” says Miller, who is president of a bookkeeping firm. “There is no overhead and even though I’m putting in a whole lot of hours a week doing it, I feel like this is what I’m supposed to be doing.”

To contribute to the Combat Soldier’s Recovery Fund please send checks payable to: Combat Soldier’s Recovery Fund, 3804 Williams Lane, Chevy Chase, Md., 20815.