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## Triangle dentist asking kids to donate leftover Halloween candy to the troops



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Parents likely don't want their kids eating all of their Halloween candy, and many of those costumed rug-rats probably still have at least a few small bags laying around.

Well, Dr. Edmond Suh, owner of Supremia Dentistry in Wake Forest, came up with an idea in 2008 to not only keep some of that candy out of kids' mouths, but give it to soldiers who could use a sweet taste of home.

Like many dentists around the nation, Suh collects leftover Halloween candy and then donates it to the local Blue Star Moms chapter, which ships it to military members overseas.

"At the end of the day, I don't think there's a parent out there that wants their kids to eat all the candy they get," says Suh. "And we think this is a neat exercise for the kids to understand that they are giving something to our guys overseas."

Other dentists will sometimes run a promotion in which they give kids \$1 dollar per pound of candy they turn in, but Suh says that was something that never appealed to him. He preferred to explain to children where the candy would end up, to let them understand what it means to make a donation to those in the armed services.

The candy drive has caught on, and last year the operation generated 1,500 pounds of candy, or three quarters of a ton.

"We thought it was going to be something that was going to be small, but once people found out it was going to be for the troops, it just exploded," Suh says.

The candy drive will start Wednesday at the Supremia Dentistry office at 1711 South Main St. in Wake Forest.



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