

# Europe Chapels Lend Helping Hand



**Summary:** During the 2014 holiday season IMCOM-Europe garrison chapels raised over \$103,500 through the Chapel Tithes and Offerings Fund (CTOF) as part of “Operation Helping Hands.” These offerings provided support to over 1,000 Soldiers and their Families. Highlights of this year’s effort included donating Commissary gift cards to families in need and donating holiday desserts to the Service Members in a Controlled Monitoring Area (CMA). Unit Ministry Teams (UMT) from tenant and garrison units coordinated with their leadership and received nominations for assistance. Chapel Resource Management Officers coordinated with Commissaries to provide gift cards. UMT members distributed gift cards directly to Soldiers, reinforcing the spirit of giving during the holiday season and demonstrating the Chaplain Corps’ core competency “nurture the living.”