



Press Release

This Earth Day, AT&T and Cell Phones For Soldiers Encourage Public to Recycle Old Phones to Benefit Military Troops

Residents Can Recycle Cell Phones at AT&T's Stores in Minnesota to Help Provide Free Phone Cards to Military Members Stationed Away From Home

MINNEAPOLIS, April 21, 2016 — This Earth Day, AT&T* is teaming up with Cell Phones For Soldiers to encourage residents to donate their old cell phones and help support military personnel.

Beginning Earth Day (April 22) through Memorial Day (May 30), the public is encouraged to recycle old cell phones at AT&T's 28 corporate owned stores throughout Minnesota to benefit Cell Phones For Soldiers. The charity uses recycling proceeds to send free phone cards to military members serving overseas.

"Most of us have old cell phones around our house or office that we no longer use," said Paul Weirtz, president of AT&T Minnesota. "As we mark Earth Day, we can do our part by recycling our old phones for a good cause. This is a great way to not only protect our environment, but also help our military troops serving our country stay connected with their families."

All recycled cell phones collected at AT&T stores will be donated to Cell Phones For Soldiers. For every donated phone, the charity is able to provide 30 minutes of free talk time to deployed troops.

"Every year, we are humbled by the number of people and organizations like AT&T that take the initiative to support our troops and veterans," said Robbie Bergquist, co-founder of Cell Phones For Soldiers. "We would be honored to have the people of Minnesota donate used cell phones to help us in our mission to connect military members with their loved ones."

"Service members often reflect after deployment that being connected to friends and family means so much to our military members, especially as they serve long deployments away from home," said Colonel Kevin Olson. "Cell Phones For Soldiers is a simple and easy way the public can help support those men and women in uniform who are serving our country."

AT&T has a long-standing mission of supporting our military troops and veterans. Since 2007, AT&T, the AT&T Foundation and AT&T's customers have donated more than \$4.6 million to support Cell Phones For Soldiers.

The collection drive will take place from Friday, April 22 to Monday, May 30. Collection points throughout Minnesota are:

- **Cloquet** – 1498 Hwy 33 South, Cloquet
- **Duluth Central** – 224 East Central Entrance, Duluth
- **Duluth Miller Hill** – 1600 Miller Trunk Hwy, Duluth
- **Hibbing** – 4045 9th Avenue W, Hibbing
- **Superior** – 3827 Tower Avenue, Suite B, Superior, WI
- **Mountain Iron** – 8582 Rock Ridge Drive, Mountain Iron
- **Baxter** – 14695 Edgewood Drive, Suite 100, Baxter
- **Grand Rapids** – 1920 S Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids
- **Apple Valley** – 7634 W 150th Street, Apple Valley
- **Minneapolis Baker Center** – 733 Marquette Avenue, 215 Investor Building, Minneapolis
- **Minneapolis Calhoun Square** – 3001 Hennepin Avenue, Suite 1160, Minneapolis
- **St. Cloud Crossroads Center** – 4101 W Division Street, Suite E8, St. Cloud
- **Saint Paul Highland Park** – 2132 Ford Parkway, Saint Paul
- **Mall of America** – 60 E Broadway, Suite S104, Bloomington
- **Eden Prairie** – 8251 Flying Cloud Drive, Suite 1254, Eden Prairie
- **Rogers (Diamond Lake Village)** – 21410 136th Avenue North, Rogers
- **Minnetonka (Ridgedale Plaza)** – 1800 Plymouth Road, Minnetonka
- **Coon Rapids (Riverdale Commons)** – 12481 Riverdale Blvd NW, Suite E, Coon Rapids
- **Edina (Southdale Center)** – 1945 Southdale Center, Suite 480, Edina
- **Maple Grove** – 8105 Wedgewood Lane, Maple Grove
- **Mankato** – 1854 Madison Avenue, Mankato
- **Blaine** – 10230 Baltimore Street, #100 NE, Blaine
- **Burnsville** – 14270 Buck Hill Road, Burnsville
- **Forest Lake** – 1966 W Broadway Avenue, Forest Lake
- **Rochester** – 430 Crossroads Drive SW, Rochester
- **Roseville (Crossing Center)** – 2724 Lincoln Drive, Roseville
- **West Saint Paul** – 1980 S Robert Street, Suite 110, West Saint Paul
- **Woodbury (City Walk)** – 10100 City Walk Drive, Suite 200, Woodbury

Founded in 2004 by Robbie and Brittany Bergquist, then 12 and 13 years old, Cell Phones For Soldiers is a national nonprofit focused on the communication needs of troops and veterans. For 12 years, Cell Phones For Soldiers has served as a lifeline for America's bravest. From cellphones to use for job searches, to computers for communication with family, these tools assist in the fight to improve the lives of veterans.

For more information, please visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

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About Cell Phones for Soldiers

Cell Phones For Soldiers is a national nonprofit dedicated to providing cost-free communication services to active-duty military members and veterans. Founded in 2004 by Robbie and Brittany Bergquist, then 12 and 13 years old, Cell Phones For Soldiers has provided more than 220 million “Minutes That Matter” to servicemen and women. Since 2012, “Helping Heroes Home” has provided emergency funds for more than 3,000 veterans to alleviate communication challenges as well as physical, emotional and assimilation hardships. For more information, visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Google+](#) and [Pinterest](#) pages.

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