

# Helping Hands

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Lots of kids have found ways to help U.S. service members and their families. Two examples:

· Kelsi and Rachel Okun, ages 8 and 11, began ThanksUSA to raise scholarship money for military spouses and children. The [McLean](#) sisters use an online treasure hunt (at [http:// www.thanksusa.org](http://www.thanksusa.org)) to get donations. Last year they collected more than \$500,000.

· Hero Hugs is the idea of Bailey Reese, 11, of Niceville, [Florida](#). The program ( <http://www.herohugs.org>) sends care packages to military members serving overseas. Bailey has volunteered more than 3,500 hours and helped send 22,000 packages valued at more than \$180,000.



Treasure hunters: Kelsi, left, and Rachel Okun started ThanksUSA.