

TayTay Buddy Bears, 2006

When she was nine, Taylor Pace (born 1996) of Winchester, Kentucky, created TayTay's Buddy Bears to comfort the children of parents deployed to Iraq from Winchester Guard unit, A Battery, 2/138th Field



Artillery. Each bear comes with a note from Taylor attached by a yellow ribbon. The note reminds the children to hug the bear when they are sad. For her efforts, Taylor received the United Way of the Bluegrass Youth Service Award. She also received an Honorary Guardsman certificate from Governor Ernie Fletcher and Adjutant General Donald Storm.

Donated by Sgt. and Mrs. Henry Pace, 2006.39.1

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