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Dentist to buy back Halloween candy, send treats to troops

An Omaha dentist is planning a new trick to make Halloween sweeter for both trick-or-treaters and soldiers overseas.

Michael Obeng, DDS, is planning his first Halloween Candy Buyback for Monday, Nov. 1. The event will take place from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at his office in Emergency Dental Care USA, 2605 S. 84th Street in Omaha.

Dr. Obeng will buy back prepackaged, unopened candy for \$1 per pound, up to 5 pounds of candy per child. Kids will also receive a toothbrush in exchange for their candy.

The candy will be shipped to Operation Gratitude to fill up care packages for service members stationed overseas. These care packages are assembled at the Army National Guard Armory in Van Nuys, California, for safety and security.

"Kids and their teeth can be overwhelmed by sweets at Halloween," Dr. Obeng said. "With the candy buyback, we want to give them an opportunity to turn those sweets into treats that are better for their dental health.

"At the same time, we want to send this candy to our troops overseas to give these soldiers a rare treat," he added. "Many of these soldiers are serving in remote locations where good food is scarce and sweets are even harder to find. This is a small way of saying 'Thank you' to these brave men and women who serve our country so faithfully."

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