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**Digital Sandbox Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary by Sponsoring Operation Pinecone**

*Supports Local Non-Profit by Raising Funds for Holiday Packages to Overseas Service Members*

**December 11, McLean, Virginia** – Northern Virginia-based Digital Sandbox, Inc., a leading provider of advanced risk-management software and analysis solutions, made certain that the company’s recent ten-year anniversary celebration reflected its dedication to the well-being of U.S. service members. At the event, Digital Sandbox launched its corporate sponsorship for Operation Pinecone by providing corporate and employee cash contributions to the all-volunteer, non-profit organization. Operation Pinecone assembles care packages for service members stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan and supports wounded service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and Bethesda National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

According to Operation Pinecone founder Mary Hacker, the generosity of Digital Sandbox was transformed into gifts for U.S. service personnel almost immediately.

“Operation Pinecone packed boxes for the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan the very morning after Digital Sandbox’s anniversary event,” Hacker explained. “The employees provided such a welcome donation to our cause – a financial contribution that really makes it much easier for us to meet the needs and wants of our troops.”

Hacker added that the generosity of companies like Digital Sandbox assists Operation Pinecone with the purchase of bulk goods and in defraying shipping costs – essential, money-saving steps that allow donations to more directly benefit U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines.

Operation Pinecone was launched in November 2005 when Hacker and her husband were preparing holiday packages for shipment to soldiers stationed in Iraq. The name originated when she decided to give each one a modest symbol from home. Pinecones are found in nearly every state in America,” noted Hacker. “And we lovingly place one in each package we ship to our heroes.”

Digital Sandbox provides analytic tools and information products to government agencies and large enterprises, enabling them to optimize their strategic, policy, and budgetary decisions against terrorism and natural hazard risks. Since 1998, Digital Sandbox’s analytic risk management solutions have helped customers in national security, homeland security, and corporate security lower risk exposure, increase risk-management budgets, and maximize the effectiveness of risk-specific resources. Visit Digital Sandbox on the Web at [www.dsbox.com](http://www.dsbox.com). To learn more about Operation Pinecone, visit [www.operationpinecone.org](http://www.operationpinecone.org).

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