

# Tunes 4 the Troops hold successful fundraiser

By Tonya Sprague

The creator of Tunes 4 the Troops, Kaylee Marie Radzynski and the Outback Steakhouse in Cleveland, Tennessee held the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Tunes 4 the Troops fundraiser, lunch and auction on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The reason for the event was to raise money to cover the cost of shipping CD's and DVD's to U.S. Armed Forces overseas. A year ago, over 15,000 CD's and DVD's were sent to our troops serving primarily in combat zones. The value of the sent items totaled over \$225,000. Approximately \$5300 has been raised since January 1, 2008 and over 160,000 CD's, DVD's and Books on CD have been sent to our troops. Now, the donated items total just over \$2.4 million dollars. This is

because of the 70+ satellite locations all across the United States that have



Mayor Tom Rowland designated Saturday, February 23, 2008 as Kaylee Radzynski-Prudential Spirit of Community Service Award Day in the City of Cleveland.

After reading about Tunes 4 the Troops in *The People News*, Eric Thomas, president of Cutting Edge Packaging and packing supplies in Toledo, Ohio, decided to help by providing all the shipping boxes

and packing supplies in which to ship the discs. It costs fifteen dollars to ship each box with an average of 150 items in each.

Tunes 4 the Troops has come a long way since the summer of 2005. That's when Kaylee decided that she wanted to do something to help the troops. She learned in the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corp. where she mixed with military personnel who had just returned from overseas, that although U.S. troops such as those stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan had access to computers, they were craving American entertainment. On her website [www.Tunes4theTroop.org](http://www.Tunes4theTroop.org), Kaylee explains, "I know people say kids are lazy, and have no goals. Well I wanted to show that kids are ambitious, and

have a strong sense of pride. I started Tunes 4 the Troops to let the brave soldiers serving around the world know who they are serving and fighting for. It is the future of America, me, and all youth like me. I have a future to look forward to because of sacrifices made for me and all other Americans. I know I am just one girl, but I have a voice and I will use it to say thank you to all that are serving in the Armed Forces of

the United States of America!" Kaylee's goal is to have 500,000 items delivered to military personnel by Christmas of 2008. Send the e-mail addresses of family and friends serving in combat zones so a shipment may be made to their location. Also, send your collected CD's and DVD's via media mail (best rate) to P.O. Box 2008 Cleveland, TN 37320.

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