



HINTS FROM HELOISE

Stamp organizations earn a seal of approval

By Heloise

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Dear Heloise: It goes without saying that Stamps for Children is indebted to Hints From Heloise for all the support that you have provided us through the years.

Your recent mention of our project in your nationwide column generated a huge wave of donations and new donors. I'm still going through everything. Thank you.

After 20 years and 20 million stamps, Stamps for Children has joined with Stamp Camp USA. Going forward, all donations should go to Stamp Camp USA at 117 Court St., Suite A, Elkland, PA 16920.

Thank you again, and best wishes to you and yours. — *Harold Effner, Lincoln, N.J.*

Harold, we have enjoyed sharing your organization with our readers during the past five years or so.

After some research, we found out

that Stamp Camp USA is a nonprofit organization that accepts donations of stamps, philatelic and general office supplies, craft materials, used award trophies, picture frames and similar materials. Stamp Camp teaches the basics of stamp collecting to children ages 8 to 14. So, send your stamps today. — *Heloise*

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Fast Facts

Dear Heloise: I've been reading your column and just had to share these ideas for those handy, plastic coffee cans:

- Store pet food and treats in one.
- Put cat litter in one and place in the garage to use for oil drips.
- In winter, use two in the car trunk filled with sand or rock salt.
- Store birdseed in one.
- Fill one with plastic grocery bags to keep in the car. — *Andrea, Orange, N.J.*

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Dear Heloise: I get several maga-

zines, as does my friend. After we swap and I finish mine, I take them to my doctor's office after cutting off my address. The magazines at the office are so outdated, and mine add a little something new to read. — *Linda, Houston*

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Dear Heloise: I totally agree with your no-resolution approach to the new year and with making small changes often. I have been doing this for about a year, and I am now in the happy position of coming to a drawer or shelf that has already been done! And there are fewer piles to tackle later, and some areas yield even more clutter to get rid of this time around.

And you also are correct about handwritten notes — nothing like them for a direct hit with the recipients. — *A.D., via e-mail*

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