**Blankets to Bosnia**

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Care package of 1,200 blankets rode in fine style aboard Air Force One.  The special delivery is the result of three parts hard work and dedication, one part seasonal serendipity.  The Wells Rotary Club launched its Bosnia Winter Relief Project about four months prior, collecting blankets and money to buy blankets from manufacturers, businesses and individuals in York County and across the state.  Blankets were welcome in a country with an unforgiving climate as that in Northern New England.  After calls to the White House, as well as to the offices of the state's congressional delegation, Bridget Burns won permission to ship the blankets with President Clinton's entourage.  She and William Bassett, arranged for the blankets to be shipped to Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, DC.  The blankets were received in Sarajevo by Care International , who coordinated the distribution of winter relief products.