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**HALLOWEEN CANDY BUY BACK OFFERS CASH FOR CANDY**  
*Local Dentist Buys Back Halloween Candy and Donates It to the Troops*

October 4, 2011, HOPKINS, MN — Dentist Scott Shablott has found a way to not only chase away the ghoulish results of indulging in too much Halloween candy, but to say "thank you" to the troops by participating in the national Halloween Candy Buy Back Program

After Halloween, on November 1-2, 2011 from 3:00-7:00 pm, children and parents can bring their unwanted Halloween candy to Dr. Shablott's office, and children will receive \$1 for every pound of unopened candy. All candy is sent to Operation Gratitude and distributed to our troops stationed overseas. The program expects to donate 60,000 care packages representing an estimated 125 tons of candy to the troops this year.

"Kids can now have all the fun of trick or treating without getting cavities, breaking teeth and damaging braces," said Dr. Shablott. "I'm a dad as well as a dentist, and I know firsthand how much children love trick or treating. It's the results of trick or treating and eating all that candy that dentists don't like – and I'm sure both children and parents dislike it too."

When patients eat sticky, chewy candies or very hard candies, they often break dental appliances, orthodontic wires or even a tooth. Excess sugar also feeds the bacteria that cause tooth decay, and kids get cavities. While Dr. Shablott is realistic and knows that children will indulge around Halloween, he's hoping that the call to donate candy for the troops – as well as get paid for it – will encourage kids to turn in sweets that can hurt their teeth or their orthodontic appliances.

"Last year, we donated over 200 pounds of candy to Operation Gratitude and our troops abroad," said Dr. Shablott. "We hope to reach our goal of 500 pounds this year and show our thanks to the troops. Encourage your children to have fun on Halloween, then encourage them to participate in the Halloween Candy Buy Back Program."

You can participate in the program through Dr. Shablott's office by bringing candy to the reception area between the hours of 3:00-7:00 pm on November 1-2. The office is located at 33 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, Suite #250, in Hopkins, Minnesota. Please visit the [Shablott Family Dentistry](#) website for more information and driving directions.

**About Shablott Family Dentistry**

Shablott Family Dentistry offers a wide range of family dental services in our state of the art practice, but we are especially well known for treating patient's dental phobias and anxiety. We offer "sleep dentistry", also (IV sedation with a certified nurse anesthetist),

free "laughing gas" (nitrous oxide), and a wide range of services to make you comfortable during treatment. Emergency same-day service is available, and new patients also receive a free examination and x-rays. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit [Shablott Family Dentistry](#).

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