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Soldier raises money downrange for Juvenile Diabetes Research

Maj. Richard Gordon deployed out of Wheeler Army Airfield in Hawaii, that's where his wife, Staci, and two girls Ruby and Charlotte are now. Two-year-old Charlotte was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes a year ago. That makes it heavier on the major's heart to be away.

"She's plugging away," Gordon said. "She's got some great medical treatment [at Tripler Army Medical Center,] and I've got a great wife who does a lot to take care of her, and provide her the love she needs, so it's working out well right now," he said.

Earlier this month, Gordon organized nearly 100 soldiers in a walk to raise five thousand dollars for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. In Honolulu, his wife and children walked and raised nearly ten thousand dollars that same day.



Maj. Richard Gordon's unit of more than 100 Soldiers walk in Iraq to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Hawaii Chapter. The unit raised more \$5,000.

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As for shifting political influences in Washington...

"This is my world, and those questions are like this," Gordon said. "I'm focused on the day to day. Most of the soldiers here are focused on the day to day, and doing the mission and being safe, and protecting their buddies. We don't have a lot of time to think about, 'hey, what's the political ramifications of this?' We want to get the mission done, help the people of Iraq and go back home."

Gordon misses being with his wife, and misses his daughters' birthdays, but he's grateful to serve and grateful for support at home.



Maj. Richard Gordon's unit poses in front of the pledge board in Iraq following a fundraising walk that raised more \$5,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Hawaii Chapter.