

PROGRAMS & PROJECTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Family Living Dept encourages all Grangers to Participate in many of our projects that make a difference. This not only instills the concept of serving others , it also promotes community involvement and working together to promote common goals and at the same time make a difference in the lives of others.

CARE CLOTHS: Provide a washcloth and basic toiletries for those in need. Place the washcloth, soap, lotion, shampoo, toothbrush, and toothpaste in a ziplock bag. A comb and any other thing you think would make a person feel better could be added. These may be taken to homeless shelters, schools, and food banks. The toiletry items collected at convention are great to put in these kits.

USED EYEGLASSES: Bring used glasses. Lenses. Cases. Parts to convention. Keep track of how many. These are donated to Dr. Ogden in Goldendale. He uses people on work release to determine the prescription and then takes them to third world countries and dispenses them to people who really need them. Dr. Ogden is willing to give programs about his trips. His office number is 509-773-4114.

CANCELLED STAMPS: Please weigh or count how many you have. Monies from the ink will be used for missions.

HUGS IN A MUG: By placing a packet of hot chocolate or coffee along with a deck of cards, puzzle book and pen in a mug you have created a fun activity for a shut in or someone in the hospital, VA center or nursing home.

COMFORT TOYS: This fun program offers a bit of comfort to children and seniors alike. These toys may be purchased as well as home made. Keep in mind they must conform to U.S. Safety regulations with no sharp edges, buttons, or glued on eyes. Use commercial fiber fill and measure 6 inches to 24 inches.

ADULT SHIRT PROTECTORS (BIBS): I have several patterns I can share with you. I have made mine reversable. It's fun to put Christmas or any other holiday on the reverse side.

FIGIT QUILTS: What a fun way to provide something for our Alzheimer patients to do. Go on line to any figit quilt site and get ideas. The sky is the limit.

CHEMO CAPS: This is our new project this year. I have a very easy pattern I will share at our leadership conferences. There is a real need for these.

QUILTS OF VALOR: These will be presented to deserving veterans at the State Convention. They need to be at least twin size, made of cotton, and red, white, and blue.

QUILTS FOR THE BRAVE: A Program that provides patriotic quilts for men and women returning home from foreign battle fields. We suggest you work with your local VFW or Legion chapters for distribution.

BEREAVEMENT QUILTS: A program for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice of their life for our country. Be sure to work through your VFW or American Legion for distribution or bring to State Convention