

PROGRAMS & PROJECTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Family Living Dept encourages all Grangers to take part in projects that make a difference. This not only instills the concept of serving others, but 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. Take these 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 to convention. Keep track of the quantity collected. Donated items are sent to Dr. Ogden in Goldendale. He uses people on work release to determine the prescription and dispenses the lenses to people who really need them. Dr. Ogden is willing to give programs about his trips. His office number is 509-773-4114.

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. Toys may be bought or homemade. 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 six inches to twenty-four inches.

ADULT SHIRT PROTECTORS (BIBS): I have patterns I can share with you. I have made mine reversible. It is 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 fidget quilt site and get ideas. The sky is the limit.

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

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