



Montgomery County Maryland Service Projects 2021-2022

Local Community

Stepping Stones Shelter – Shelter for Homeless Families

School Supplies – We donated spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, yellow markers from club foundation funds. Ten backpacks were also donated in-kind. **Holiday Boutique** – We provided items from wish list which included games, toys, clothing items, and gift cards for homeless families to shop from free of charge.

Elizabeth House – Serves one evening meal and provides daily lunch bag for the Homeless

During the winter holiday season, we donated 80 pairs of gloves and hats with more than 200 pairs of socks for the clients in personalized Altrusa tote bags.

Adopt-A-Family

We made wishes come true by providing gifts including a remote-control car, skateboard, barbie dream house, barbie doll and super slime, along with a gift card from Giant for a single mom and her four children referred through Prince George's County Social Services office.

Wider Circle – Free outlet for those needing clothes for new employment

At the upcoming Membership Drive we will collect donations of clothing and accessories for the Wider Circle Professional Development Center

Cards for Soldiers – Soldiers' Hand

We prepared 100 handwritten personalized cards for our soldiers stationed in Germany. A star from a retired American flag was to be placed with each card by the Soldier's Hand coordinator.

Thoughtful Treasures – Support to National Institute of Health

Fifty plus greeting cards were prepared and delivered to the Children's Inn. We reported our activity to the Montgomery County government as a service project in support of the MLK Jr Holiday of service. In the spring, we embellished 50 assorted colorful, baseball caps for the sick children and their siblings.

Village Connection

We have one member participating in the Juanita Grant Foundation program on behalf of Altrusa of staying in touch with seniors through outreach telephone calls.

Free Little Libraries

New and slightly used books were labeled, donated, delivered for two little libraries. Marilyn Praisner Seniors – (Montgomery Co).
Clark-Bellamy Pediatricians Office – (Prince George's Co)



Fairland Nursing Center

This was our **M**ake **A** **D**ifference **D**ay (MADD) project. We delivered magazines and books to the Center. We could not go in and visit due to covid restrictions.

Jody Leleck Elementary School – Title 1 (92% of students are eligible for reduced or free lunch

We provide approximately 600 new books every year to first and second grade students to promote literacy. We also provide some type of activity to support the reading. The books are divided between the two separate distributions.

Total Books Distributed – 2021-2022

Offices of Clark & Pettus-Bellamy	200
Marilyn Praisner Recreation Center*	80
Fairland Nursing Center**	57
Jody Leleck Elementary School	596
Gap Busters	20
Totals	953

*does not include approx. 15 magazines
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International

GapBusters, Inc - Ghana

Supported with donations of school supplies, books, and facilitated 1000 Days for Girls kits to be distributed in Ghana to senior high school girls as part of International Women’s Day celebration.

Days for Girls – Rockville

Currently collecting items (washcloths, underwear, etc) from membership for kits. Volunteering to help sew and assemble kits. Will play a much larger role in upcoming year.

Healing Hand Foundation – Provides quality health care to patients in areas lacking medical resources and surgical expertise.

Helped Foundation to receive a \$7500 grant from Altrusa International Club 21. On-going conversation about partnerships for joint fundraising.

Environmental

Adopt-A-Road – Our environmental project. We had no activity this year.