

## 2010-2011 Project Book Summaries

### Delta District

- Craighead County—Black Oak EHC—Red Cross Disaster Comfort Kits—  
This project stems from the need for disaster comfort kits for the Red Cross. After a brief description, the 8 club members created and delivered kits containing various personal items. The cost of the kits was \$100 plus \$65 for donated items.
- Craighead County—Greensboro EHC—Scam Awareness—Members of the Greensboro EHC hosted a planned educational seminar for the Greensboro community. Stephen Svetz of the Attorney General's office presented the seminar on scams. 18 members of the community attended. EHC members assisted in distributing information and serving refreshments. The community received valuable information on old and new scams.
- Craighead County—Oak Grove EHC—Angel Wraps—Members of the Oak Grove EHC have participated in many projects over the years; however, none has touched them as deeply as Angel Wraps for the NEA Clinic's Charitable Foundation's ShareHope. The angel wraps are infant demise kits used by both Jonesboro hospitals. More than 60 tiny garments were made by the club during the year.
- Craighead County—Opportunity EHC—Helping Neighbors Food Pantry—Opportunity EHC members were instrumental in helping feed the needy in the community by donating approximately 450 pounds of nonperishable food items, \$50 in cash, and birthday supplies (all items valued at approximately \$400) to the Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.
- Craighead County—Pleasant Grove EHC—Blankets, Lap Pads, and Neck Pieces for Autistic Children—Pleasant Grove EHC made blankets, lap pads, and neck pieces to be used by occupational therapists in area schools and daycares to soothe children with autism or ADHD. Using donated rice, the club spent \$130 for materials. If purchased, these items would have cost in excess of \$400.

- Craighead County—West Mart EHC—Walker and Chair Bags—The community service project chosen by the West Mart EHC of Jonesboro was to provide walker and chair bags to St. Elizabeth's Place. We later donated 14 additional bags to individual friends and relatives for their use. The bags were handmade with all fabric and notions donated by EHC members. Cost of fabric, notions, and travel to St. Elizabeth's Place was \$75.
- Cross County—Hickory Ridge EHC—Hand Rolls for Nursing Homes—Our community nursing homes are very thankful for the hand rolls made by the Hickory Ridge EHC. They feel we have made a tremendous improvement to the nursing home residents' lives. We enjoyed working together as a club and volunteering our service to make someone else's daily life a little easier. We feel that as an EHC, we will continue to improve the lives of our local residents by striving to meet the community's needs.
- Jackson County—South Tuckerman EHC—Walker Bags/Purses—Walker bags and purses for the Lindley Health Care and Rehab Center was an enjoyable, educational, and worthwhile community project. It was an honor to be asked and to be able to supply this need. We strive to make a difference in the lives of our community.
- Jefferson County Council—UAMS Cot Sheets—The UAMS Kids First Daycare recently had a need for cot sheets. The Jefferson County Extension Homemakers made and presented over 100 of these needed sheets. The special children enjoy anything with new colors and textures. It makes their naps more enjoyable.
- Jefferson County—Camden Road EHC—Help for New Mothers—Help for New Mothers was a project that was a benefit to our community. You may never know when a person is in need, especially a new mother. This project appeals to all segments of our society, and if we help one needy mother becomes a better mother or have a better start as a new mother, then the project is successful.

- Jefferson County—Grace Willing Workers EHC—Workshops for Trinity Village Medical Care—Grace Willing Workers EHC chose to enrich Trinity Village Medical Care. 17 club members participated in 3 club workshops to make items for the center. In addition, visits were made during the holidays to distribute items and interact with the residents. The 50 residents benefited greatly from the extra attention our club provided.
- Jefferson County—White Hall Willing Workers—Hand Rolls for White Hall Rehab—The White Hall Willing Workers EHC was asked by the White Hall Nursing and Rehab Center for hand rolls for their patients. The rehab unit requested them in different colors and textures. The club made 60 sets of hand rolls, which were very much appreciated. The colors made them feel better about using them.
- Lincoln County Council—AARP Driver Safety—The Lincoln County Council sponsored an AARP Driver Safety Program for drivers 50 and older. Cars, traffic rules, driving conditions, and even the roads traveled everyday have changed since many received their first driver's licenses. This was an opportunity to promote safer driving skills, help older drivers maintain their mobility and promote independence among older adults.
- Lonoke County Council—Breads N Threads 4-H Camp—The Lonoke County Council presented a Breads N Threads 4-H Day Camp to teach basic sewing and cooking skills to 26 students aged 9 through 16. 12 Homemakers and 1 4-H leader volunteered over 100 hours.
- Poinsett County Council—Bread of Life Food Pantry—The need for food in Poinsett County sparked this project. Due to the economy, many families are in need of services the Bread & Life Food Pantry provides. Working together as a group, the Poinsett County Council provided some food for the families in the county. The project helped the members of clubs see how important it is to help other families in the community who are struggling to provide for their families.

- Poinsett County—Lucky 13 EHC—Turbans for Breast Cancer Patients—Lucky 13 EHC had 2 workshops to make chemo turbans in honor of National Breast Cancer Month. The turbans were presented to June Morse, manager of Hope Circle in Jonesboro. Our members feel very blessed to be able to make the community aware of Breast Cancer Month.
- Poinsett County—Whitehall EHC—Pillows for Head Start—A need for pillows at the Head Start program in Harrisburg triggered this project. Working with Head Start, the club made and presented each child in the program with a pillow for nap time. The children will be able to take their pillows home at the end of the school year. This project raises the awareness of how important it is to help others in the community.
- Prairie County—Biscoe EHC—Boppy Pillows for New Moms—35 Boppy pillows for new mothers to lay their baby on as he/she nurses is an attempt to increase the number of breastfeeding mothers in our county. This project was requested by the Prairie County Health Department.
- Prairie County—Busy Hands EHC—4-H Clubs Project—The Busy Hands EHC partnered with the local 4-H clubs for this project. We supplied items needed for their club and also volunteered time on many occasions to help in whatever way possible.
- Prairie County—Idlewild EHC—Hope Chest—The Idlewild EHC adopted Prairie County Hope Chest in DeValls Bluff. 10 members donated items worth approximately \$250 to the Hope Chest. The project was very rewarding and made a huge difference to the organization.
- Prairie County—Oak Prairie EHC—Food for the Hungry—The Oak Prairie EHC donated nonperishable items to the Prairie County Food Bank in Des Arc. 10 members donated 95 pounds of nonperishable food items.
- Prairie County—Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Club—Quilts for Valor—The Piecemakers Quilt Club made 20 quilts to be sent to a hospital in Germany for distribution to wounded soldiers in Iraq & Afghanistan. Fabric was cut, kits assembled, and quilts were constructed, quilted, and hemmed. The EHC name was attached to each quilt.

- Prairie County—Riceland EHC—Helping the Protectors of Our Country—The Riceland EHC chose to help our soldiers by sending care packages overseas. So many times people fail to show respect and appreciation for these men and women who put their lives in danger to protect our homeland.
- White County—Bald Knob EHC—Pillowcases for Patients/Residents—The Bald Knob EHC sewed 200 pillowcases for the community. They were donated to Searcy Children's Home, White County Domestic Violence Center, the local hospice agency, and CARTI of Searcy.
- White County—El Paso EHC—For the Least of These—5 club workshops and 19 members made 140 teaching dolls, 21 holiday lap robes/blankets, 16 hand-knitted or crocheted hats, and 20 pillows for the ACH. We also purchased \$100 worth of toys, games, books, underwear, and socks for the patients. The members spent \$815 and donated 340 hours.

### Ouachita District

- Calhoun County Council—Emergency EXIT Totes for Children—The Calhoun County Council provided children's clothing in a variety of sizes. Toiletries and handmade totes to hold the items were also provided for children who may be taken from their homes in emergency situations. The community, as well as the DMA Apparel business, were instrumental in helping.
- Cleveland County Council—Wilma the Dairy Cow—Wilma the Dairy Cow, an educational program, was given to Head Start students to teach them how and where we get our dairy products. They saw a live cow being milked. They were also served ice cream. The students had many questions about the cow, milk, and dairy products.
- Cleveland County—New Home EHC—Financial Frauds, Scams, and Your Money—Financial Frauds, Scams, and Your Money is a program to increase awareness of various phone, internet, and personal frauds. Guests from the community and surrounding areas were given contact information, and plans are to update the fraud alerts periodically.

- Cleveland County—Rison EHC—Hope Women’s Resource Center—Hope Women’s Resource Center was the Rison EHC service project. The program enabled the club to help by providing baby clothes and personal items needed for the expectant mothers. Educational material was purchased by the club.
- Cleveland County—Y EHC—Ornament Workshop—The Y EHC organized a Christmas ornament workshop for community children. Each child made 2 or more ornaments to take home. The club provided ornaments and snacks for the children.
- Garland County Council—Sharing Our Skills(SOS)—In 2008, Phyllis Pipkin invited the Job Corps to attend the Sharing Our Skills(SOS) program. As a result, a brand new EHC was formed and was called the Cooking Corps. The young people took instantly to cooking, with skills sharpened to measure, chop, dice, and slice to prepare economical meals. Other skills taught were kitchen safety, cleanliness, and food shopping. The club currently meets on a Saturday and helps in the kitchen at the EHC Arts and Crafts Fair. They also help with traffic control at these 2 events, thus earning the club money to pay dues and attend council meetings.
- Garland County—Designing Women EHC—Pines Nursing and Rehab Center/Crafts—Our club certainly believes this project was a success. The residents of the Pines Nursing and Rehabilitation Center look forward to our monthly visits. The craft projects have been engaging and stimulating to the residents, and we look forward to future craft projects with them.
- Garland County—La Casa EHC—Walker Bags—The new and improved walker bags are brighter and trimmer. This year, patients were very pleased with them. Our coverage has been limited to the HSV and surrounding area. We have established a reputation as the “Walker Bag Club” as we have made and distributed more than 400 bags...and we’re still going strong!

- Garland County—Loyal Ladies EHC—HS Boys and Girls Club Spa Baton Corp—Members of the club contributed their treasures and time to a garage and bake sale in June. They made craft items throughout the year, making a profit of \$83.40. Each member had something to contribute, whether it was time or talent. The EHC Arts and Crafts Fair items sold were our secret seasoning, shawls, crocheted necklaces, totaling \$213. Our club contributed \$50 to Garland County Humane Society, \$50 to the Guardian Angel Cat Club, \$100 to the Area Council on Aging, \$45 to the Angel Tree for the Salvation Army and also contributed many clothing items, toys, personal hygiene items, canned goods, and \$200 to the Jackson House Special Project.
- Garland County—Park/Heights EHC—Relay for Life Luncheon—Park/Heights EHC has been participating in the Relay for Life Luncheon since it began several years ago. Our goal is to raise funds to aid in cancer research.
- Little River County—Arden EHC—Got You Covered—86 knitted caps for newborns and 58 polar fleece caps for cancer patients were made by the Arden EHC. The items were delivered to ACH, Little River Memorial Hospital, Little River Hospice, Wadley Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital, and the American Cancer Society.
- Montgomery County Council—Experimental Summer Feeding Program for Children—The Summer Feeding Program for Children helps families in Montgomery County. Many children in our county do not have adequate food when school is not in session. Businesses and individuals donated \$1,740 to purchase food for 7 families with 16 children. The local grocery donated milk and fresh fruit. EHC and local church members donated 3,850 volunteer hours.
- Montgomery County—Joplin EHC—Back to School Backpack Program—Backpacks and school supplies for 2 schools were donated by EHC members, county residents, and local businesses. An estimated \$1,000 in school supplies were collected, and the backpacks were

donated by EHC members. This effort supplied approximately 100 children.

- Nevada County Council—4-H Arts and Crafts Fair Workshop—Our county helped conduct 2 4-H Arts and Crafts Fair Workshops this year. EHC members planned, coordinated, and then conducted a pillowcase project. Each workshop had 15 participants who learned basic sewing skills. Finished products were entered in the county fair and the Southwest Arkansas District Livestock Show and Fair.
- Nevada County—Fairhills EHC—Community Sewing Workshop—A sewing workshop in basic and advanced sewing skills was hosted by our club for participants from the local community. This free workshop also showcased many great examples of other crafts such as quilts, needlework, crochet items, knitted items, and cross-stitch.
- Nevada County—Women of Purpose EHC—Arise, Restore the Woman in You Women’s Conference—The conference theme “Arise, Restore the Woman in You”, invited women to enjoy a day of restoration and renewal, while listening to guest speakers, music in ministry, break-out sessions and shopping. 175 participated in the event held in Prescott.
- Pike County Council—Helping Hands Touching Little Lives—A project born from the love of sewing and the missionary efforts of several people in the county who traveled to Zambia to work in orphanages allowed club members to extend community service to the world. Dresses, diaper shirts, bibs from pillowcases, and diapers from t-shirts were sewn using donated fabric, yard sale bed sheets, and other fabric. The group planned, published information about and conducted workshops. 23 members and community members, plus workshops conducted with 4-H’ers, produced 128 dresses to be sent to Zambia at Christmas for little girls’ Christmas joy.
- Polk County Council—Hearts and Hammers—After a tornado hit Mena, we participated in a community-wide project to say “Thank you, NY” in your effort to help rebuild Mena. The local committees of Hearts and Hammers truly helped our community move forward and toward



healing. EHC are proud to have had a role to play in giving freely of our time, talents, and monies. The job is not yet finished.

- Polk County—Homestead EHC—Teddy Bears of Love—A project to bring together EHC and nursing home residents in a fundraising project also assured the nursing facility of having lots of candy for their Halloween “Trick or Treat” spooks and goblin’ visitors.
- Pulaski County Council—Supporting Our Troops—This project involved active personnel, as well as the families left at home, and included articles for troops, school supplies, and toys for children of military families. We also sent cards to recovering soldiers at military hospitals.
- Pulaski County—Sharon EHC—ACH Needed Items—Our club has been helping ACH for the past 3 years. This year, we mad dolls, 173 hats, 197 pillows, 58 blankets, and 188 Christmas stockings. We donated about 1,377 hours, and enjoying all of them. We were given fabric, stuffing, and threads from people who are not in the club. We spent only \$29.32. Everything else was donated.
- Sevier County Council—Recorded History of WWII Veterans of Sevier—The Sevier County Council has great respect for the veterans of our armed forces, and we wanted to preserve the history of their experiences as told in their own words.
- Sevier County—De Queen EHC—Eating Smart, Being Active—This project involved leading and teaching youth in food preparation, purchasing and safe handling, with emphasis on nutrition. The art of developing good habits in a variety of settings was also taught. 22 children and 8 adults attended in June, and 37 children and 11 adults attended in August.
- Sevier County—Union EHC—Pillows and Pads—9 members of our club made pillows and pads for patients at Brookwood Nursing Home. The pads were made for wheelchairs to help protect patients’ bodes and make the chairs more comfortable. This was a very rewarding project to help others be more comfortable.

## Ozark District

- Baxter County Council—Baxter House Adult Day Services—The Center's budget was cut. The Baxter County Council members picked up the slack by buying supplies needed on a daily basis by the House, as well as providing special parties for the clients.
- Baxter County—Oakland/Promise Land Extension—Knitting for Noggins Homemakers Club—We chose ACH's request for knitted hats as a community service project. Members spent the fall and winter evenings turning out adorable warm hats, resulting in over 200 hats being delivered.
- Baxter County—Patchwork EHC—The Christmas Stocking Project—Members read letter published in the Baxter Bulletin's Christmas Wish List. The letters were very heart-rending, requesting food, clothes, and toys. Our participation with leadership and caring made the stockings and ditty bags very important to the children and elderly at Christmas time.
- Benton County Council—Med List for Your Wallet—As a way of emphasizing "Medwise" practices, our county printed 1,200 Medicine List Cards for wallets and purses. The cards can be used to list any medications used, allergies, doctors' names, and the name of your pharmacist. People in the healthcare field appreciate patients having this information with them at all times. This project is ongoing.
- Boone County—EHC Quilters—Quilts for Kids—Our "Quilts for Kids" project is a new category at the county and district fairs. We met with the newspaper to get the word out. It proved to be a popular part of the fair, and at least 10 less fortunate children in this area will reap the benefits in the coming year.
- Boone County—Harrison EHC—Quilts for Military—From August to November, 200 club members mailed 43 quilts to Ramstein/Lanstuhl, Germany. The quilts are given to our wounded military prior to and during their travel abroad transport planes from Germany to U.S. military hospitals. 9 members and friends spent 5 hours a week and

much time at home making these gifts of warmth, comfort, and appreciation for their service.

- Cleburne County Council—The Craft Fair—We conducted fundraisers to make improvements and provide maintenance to the EHC educational building at the fairgrounds. The Craft Fair offers participants an opportunity to sell their goods in a friendly setting to local citizens who buy gifts for themselves and others.
- Cleburne County—Good Springs EHC—Margie’s Haven House—This is a safe house where women and children can go to escape domestic violence. Many of the residents arrive with only the clothes they are wearing. 12 members brought items, such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, to monthly club meetings, valued at \$1,324.50.
- Conway County Council—Community Immunity—We helped make Morrilton a “Community Immunity” city by assisting the Arkansas Department of Health with a mass flu clinic. We provided food to the nurses and those assisting in registration and other areas. The club also took the leadership in getting the word out.
- Conway County—Birdtown EHC—Our Boys in Uniform—For over 60 years, our club has helped many people. Each month, we send “care boxes” to our men and women in uniform. We try to send articles they can’t get, such as local newspapers, goodies, jerky, candies, cards, and pictures.
- Conway County—Hilltoppers EHC—Backpack Food for Kids—We chose to help the Morrilton primary schools with “Backpack Food for Kids”. During the year, we bought kid-friendly food to our club meetings. Items included Vienna sausages, moon pies, canned beans, applesauce, peanut butter, snack crackers, etc. Many children would not have anything to eat in the evenings or over the weekend if it wasn’t for the food sent home in their backpacks.
- Conway County—New Horizon EHC—Kiwanis Hospital Dolls—This was a gratifying project. We partnered with Morrilton Kiwanis Club members

to supply hospital dolls to frightened children awaiting medical treatment.

- Conway County—Oppelo Twilite EHC—Bingo and More—Members enjoyed visiting residents of the Morrilton Health Care Center, providing bingo prizes, assisting with bingo games, making lap robes, walker totes, and greeting cards and taking treats to residents. The ladies' favorite bingo prizes were the long necklaces that would fit over their heads.
- Conway County—Petit Jean EHC—Bell Ringer—Our club brought excitement and personal achievement to the residents of River Chase Care Center by participating in the Handbell Music Makers Club. The project was very rewarding and satisfying.
- Crawford County—Bond Special EHC—Blankets for Kids—We joined forces with First Church of Nazarene's outreach "Blankets for Kids" sponsored by World Vision. We completed 100 blankets. 50 blankets were shipped to World Vision Denver destination Africa to children orphaned by AIDS, and the remaining 50 will be distributed to disadvantaged children in the Fort Smith-Van Buren area.
- Crawford County—Rena EHC—Reaching Out to Others—We have deep feelings of compassion for those less fortunate. By making donations to "Reaching Out to Others", we hope to make a difference in the lives of all those who pass through the doors of the Gospel Rescue Mission. Members donated 75 volunteer hours and \$900.
- Crawford County—River Belles EHC—Feeding the Hungry—We joined with the Alma Community Outreach organization again this year with the "Feeding the Hungry" program. We collected canned goods each quarter and presented them to the director of the program. 12 member teams collected \$600 in food during 48 volunteer hours.
- Faulkner County—Roadrunner EHC—Homeless Sleep Mats—We helped the homeless in the county by making plastic sleep mats. Over 2,500 plastic bags, 240 volunteer hours, and \$20 were donated for this

project. Some cut and looped plastic strips and others crocheted the mats. The mats were given away as they were completed.

- Izard County Council—Manna House—We donated time, money, and items to the Manna House Thrift Store. Each volunteer spends 10 or more hours a week working in the store pricing, sorting, and displaying items—clothing, kitchen supplies, furniture, etc. We also shop there in addition to donating.
- Izard County—GID EHC—Gift Bags—Members packed and delivered 30 bags to the parents of patients in ACH. Bags held personal care items to clean and refresh guests until they secured their own needs.
- Izard County—Zion EHC—Personal Care Bags—After the February 5, 2008 tornado, we decided to make personal care bags for anyone involved in a local emergency. We presented 5 back each for men and women plus additional supplies to the volunteer fire department, who will make them available as needed.
- Johnson County Council—Local Food Banks—We raised \$1,000 at the annual spaghetti luncheon. Food drives throughout the year at county and club functions brought in an additional 800 pounds of canned foods. The money and canned goods were donated to local food banks.
- Johnson County—Oark EHC—Our project “Snuggles for Seniors” took 8 months to complete. 15 club members spent 155 hours on the project. The results were 14 lap robes, 10 shawls, and 125 pairs of fleece booties delivered to 3 assisted-living facilities in our area. The project was fun and enjoyed by all.
- Johnson County—ReRuns EHC—Christmas Bags—We purchased items and packed holiday decorated bags. These were presented at Christmas to the Birch Tree Community, a local mental health recovery halfway house. Gifts were given to residents and staff.
- Madison County—Aurora Ladybugs EHC—Community Christmas Party—To see the community coming together for new and renewed fellowship was very gratifying for the Annual Aurora Community Christmas Party. This was spiritually uplifting, and all were ready to

celebrate the birth of Jesus and for Santa to arrive at our homes with our families.

- Marion County—Bull Shoals, Brown Church and Monarch EHC—Salvation Army Project—Members of 3 Marion County EHC clubs dressed 1 or 2 bears provided by the Salvation Army in 1 of 3 categories—knit or crochet, sew with fabric, or use a purchased outfit. 37 members volunteered 111 hours for the project. Our bears, with love added, helped the Salvation Army provide gifts for children at Christmas time.
- Pope County—Crow Mountain EHC—Knit for Noggins—For the 5<sup>th</sup> year, our club used Knit for Noggins as its project. We feel we have made a difference in the lives of 1,068 children at ACH, as well as enrich the lives of our volunteers and the program . Many people in the community donated supplies to help with our 2,790 volunteer hours this past year.
- Pope County—Sunnyfield EHC—Decorating Nursing Home Doors—Decorating the doors for residents of the nursing home, who do not have family members, is our community project. Members meet at the nursing home and decorate the doors assigned by the activity director. This is a very rewarding project for our club and the community.
- Sebastian County Council—Be MedWise Arkansas—Members volunteered 145 hours sharing information about “Be MedWise Arkansas”. The volunteers prepared and taught lessons to their fellow club members and helped organize and host a community-wide workshop in Sebastian County. These efforts allowed 100 people to gain skills on how to interact with doctors and pharmacists and learn more about the safety of OTC medicines, prescription medicines, and supplements.
- Sebastian County—Excelsior EHC—Pink Bud Nursing Home Project—29 members worked 220 hours making, sewing, stuffing, delivering items and visiting residents at Pink Bud Nursing Home. Value of time and contributions was approximately \$5,284.

- Sharp County—Hardy Country Ladies—Shawls for Nursing Home—42 shawls were completed and delivered to Eaglecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Ash Flat Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. The shawls provided warmth in a cheerful and comforting way. Each shawl took approximately 10 hours or a total 420 volunteer hours. The estimated value of each shawl was \$15, which valued the shawls at \$630.
- Yell County Council—Huggy Bears—Over 400 handmade Huggy Bears are giving comfort to children at Yell County hospitals and clinics. The facilities are thankful to us for supplying these huggable handmade bears that comfort their little patients during stressful situations. Club members enjoy making the Huggy Bears and are proud to serve our county through this project.