

2012-2013 Project Book Summaries

Delta District

- Craighead County—Black Oak EHC—Crafts with Lakeside Manor Nursing Home—The Black Oak EHC learned about residents of the Lakeside Manor Nursing Home wanting to make crafts for several holidays. The 3 holidays chosen were St. Valentine's Day, Easter, and the 4th of July. The crafts were funded by collecting Best Choice bar codes and selling cans and other metals. 6 members of the club and 2 community members worked with the residents to make the crafts.
- Craighead County—Greensboro EHC—Knitting for Noggins—Greensboro EHC members hosted an educational workshop for the community on "Knitting for Noggins". There were 12 people in attendance for the workshop, and members assisted them by distributing information, individual instruction, and serving refreshments. The caps were donated to the Arkansas Children's Hospital.
- Craighead County—Pleasant Grove EHC—Patches for Patriots—The Pleasant Grove EHC chose to honor our veterans in the Veterans Home in Fayetteville, Arkansas, by making and donating 36 lap quilts to this facility. Members pieced these lap quilts and lined with fleece in different patriotic designs in red, white, and blue.
- Craighead County—West Mart EHC—Salvation Army Shelter—The West Mart EHC was made aware of the Salvation Army Shelter's need for simple, everyday personal items for their clients. Each month, West Mart selected a different list of needs and supplied them between October and June. Some of the items supplied were toiletries, underwear, socks, t-shirts, shaving needs, women's personal needs, and food items. They also made several cash donations.
- Craighead County—Oak Grove EHC—Habitat for Humanity—The Oak Grove EHC assisted the Jonesboro Habitat for Humanity organization in hosting a volunteer recognition banquet. Volunteers were recognized for their efforts in completing a project in Jonesboro. EHC members prepared and delivered coleslaw for over 150 volunteers.
- Craighead County—Opportunity EHC—Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Project—The Opportunity EHC donated approximately 500 pounds of nonperishable food items to the Jonesboro-based Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. The club was proud to be instrumental in helping feed the needy of our community.
- Desha County—McGehee EHC—Feeding McGehee One Family at a Time—McGehee Phoenix Resource Center was 1 of 12 sites around the nation to help

provide food assistance to hungry children through the School Pantry program. The Arkansas Food Bank received a grant from the Newman's Own Company to help provide the food for this program. The Phoenix Center contacted our EHC to help deliver this food to these children and their families. We helped by collecting egg cartons, grocery bags, and boxes to get food safely to the homes. We helped distribute this food to families in McGehee who fulfilled the requirements for this program. The program now feeds approximately 40 families on a monthly basis.

- Jackson County—South Tuckerman EHC—Cot and Baby Bed Sheets for Kids First—South Tuckerman EHC, in collaboration with Kids First(a program for children with special health care needs), saw a significant need for cot and baby bed sheets at the childcare facility. 40 sheets were made by EHC members and donated to Kids First. The new bed sheets allow for a cleaner and safer environment for the children to sleep in, and they are more comfortable when napping.
- Jefferson County Council—How to Judge at the County Fair—Our council became aware that there had not been a fair judging school in our county or the surrounding counties in several years. We asked several FCS agents to be teachers along with some members and others who had lots of expertise in their field. All fair categories were covered. We provided lunch for the 98 attendees and gave them a copy of the newest fair judging manual.
- Jefferson County—Camden Road EHC—Christmas Hats for Babies—We discovered that there was a need for little knitted caps for newborn babies at Jefferson Regional Medical Center. The caps were needed for the babies to keep their heads warm after birth in the hospital and when they go home with their family. We delivered enough hats for all newborns not just needy families, and we plan to continue this project in the future.
- Jefferson County—Grace Willing Workers—Helping Transformation Project's Food Pantry—After voting to supply nonperishable food items to the Transformation Project Food Pantry, our club members brought items monthly to our meetings. Our first goal was 100 items in celebration of our 100-year anniversary, but we were eventually able to donate 587 items, plus a couple of our members decided to work at the food pantry.
- Jefferson County—White Hall Willing Workers—Stroke Vests for Jefferson Regional Medical Rehab Center—Our club was asked by MSFT Program Director for the Jefferson Regional Medical Center Rehab Center in Pine Bluff if we could provide 6 stroke vests for their use. The stroke vests were to be used to help the patients learn

to use their arms and hands after having a stroke. Our members had 4 different meetings to work on the vests and were able to deliver 10 vests to the hospital. We were thanked personally by the program director and the nurses before we left.

- Poinsett County Council—Handy Bags—Our county council decided to make handy bags as our project for the year. These bags would be for nursing home residents to tie to their walker or wheelchair and would have several pockets to hold their personal items. We made 100 bags to celebrate EHC's 100-year anniversary. The bags were distributed to 3 nursing homes in Poinsett County.
- Poinsett County—Lucky 13 EHC—Angel Wraps for Hopeshare—This program was started because of a desire to help those whose lives had been touched by the tragic death of an unborn baby, a stillborn baby, or a baby death in the first few months of life. Volunteers made Angel Wraps which are used to wrap the baby for burial. We were challenged to make 100 wraps because of our 100-year anniversary. While it was sad project, it was good to know we helped families who had suffered a great loss.
- Poinsett County—Whitehall EHC—Head Start-Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep—The Whitehall EHC was asked if they could supply cot sheets for the Head Start program in Poinsett County. We decided on a goal of 100 cot sheets to commemorate EHC's 100-year anniversary. Each child is now able to take a nap on a clean sheet each day.
- Prairie County Council—AARP Drivers Safety Course—Our club sponsored the AARP Driver Safety Course for seniors. The course promotes safe driving and helps older drivers maintain their mobility and independence. Upon completing the course, participants are eligible to receive auto insurance discounts. It was held at the Hazen Community Center and was taught by an AARP Driver Safety Instructor Phil Ross of Lonoke. We had 17 registered for the course, and all received their certificate of completion. Members of our club served light refreshments for the group.
- Prairie County—Biscoe EHC—Helping Seniors Save—Several of our members trained with SHIP(Senior Health Insurance Program) so they could be volunteers to inform seniors and disabled persons of available help. They assisted qualified Medicare beneficiaries on how to apply for assistance covering the cost of prescription drugs through the Extra Help program and assistance with the cost of healthcare through the Medicare Saving program. We displayed booklets regarding this at Biscoe and De Valls Bluff post offices. We made an educational booth for the

county fair regarding this help, and we held an informational question-and-answer session at the Biscoe Fire Station. The program was also presented at our leadership meeting, at the Prairie County Diabetic Luncheon, De Valls Bluff United Methodist Church Fellowship Luncheon, and the EHC Fall Council meeting.

- Prairie County—Busy Hands EHC—Supporting 4-H in Our Community—Our project was to work with and help our local 4-H group for the year. We baked cakes for their chili supper fundraiser and also helped by serving and cleaning up. We furnished refreshments each month for their meetings, and we had a yard sale in conjunction with 4-H with all proceeds going to them. We also organized a wonderful ceremony to retire the old flag and raise the new one at the Hickory Plains Park. The national guard helped by educating the 4-H on the correct way to retire an old flag and raise a new one. Our club hosted a reception afterwards.
- Prairie County—Idlewild EHC—Prairie County Food Bank—The DHC Food Bank in Prairie County had a need for nonperishable food items for the needy. The Idlewild Club decided to make this their project. We collected and donated over 200 items to help restock the food bank.
- Prairie County—Oak Prairie EHC—Canned Food for Prairie County Pantry—The Oak Prairie Club decided to support the Prairie County Food Pantry in Des Arc as its project. Members brought nonperishable food items each month to their monthly meetings. They collected and donated 99 pounds of food items and other staples during the year.
- Prairie County—Piecemakers Quilting EHC—Beginning Quilting—As a result of several inquiries about wanting to learn to quilt, our club decided to plan a series of classes for those who wished to learn. We ended up with a total of 14 ladies enrolled in our class with 8 volunteer instructors. 12 students completed their quilt top and 1 made 2 tops. 10 students completely finished their quilts, and 6 were entered in the county fair. The others are continuing to work on their quilts. We also gained 1 member into our club.
- Randolph County Council—Supporting Our County Fair—Our club decided to have a project of supporting the county fair for this year. Members held chairmanships, volunteered to clean and maintain the exhibit building, and provided security. Also, a donation of \$100 was presented to the Fair Board from our club.
- White County—Bald Knob EHC—Wash Cloth Care Kits for Local Shelter—The Bald Knob EHC made and donated 45 wash cloth care kits to a local shelter for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. A member of our club shown us how to make the kits. Each wash cloth is sewn in such a way as to create several pockets which

can hold travel-size toiletry items. A plastic ziplock bag is placed inside to hold items and a ribbon for tying is sewn to the top. Besides using it to hold toiletries, the wash cloth can be used for washing.

- White County—El Paso EHC—“Let Them Come” ACH—Let Them Come is the theme of El Paso EHC’s project for ACH. After 5 workshops, we were able to donate 215 teaching dolls, 65 holiday lap robes/blankets, 39 hand-knitted or crocheted hats, and 87 pillows. We also purchased \$145.38 worth of toys, games, books, puzzles, underwear, and socks for the patients.
- White County—Floyd EHC—White County Domestic Violence Prevention—55 women and 45 children received shelter at Hope Cottage Domestic Violence Center last year. They not only provide a safe haven, they provide a support group, education, legal services, and counseling. Upon leaving the center, they receive lots of transition support. Our club gathered a large variety of paper products and food items for donation to the center. Floyd EHC decided to continue this project indefinitely as needed.
- White County—U-Neek EHC—Quilts for Jacob’s Place Homeless Shelter—We decided on a project of making quilts for the White County Homeless Shelter (Jacob’s Place). 10 members and 2 friends met to cut, pin, sew, tack, and press the quilts. We delivered 13 quilts to Jacob’s Place. The staff and clients were very appreciative, and we helped some homeless people stay warm.

Ouachita District

- Calhoun County Council—Holiday Tasting Event—Holiday Tasting was chosen as the county community service project with 2 goals in mind. The goals were to honor Extension Homemakers’ 100 birthday and to emphasize the importance of healthy eating. Recipes were provided by Extension members along with friends and community members. The tasting was held in the basement of the administration building, and admission to the event was \$3. Everyone attending was given a recipe book that included the tasting event recipes, and books were sold to the community later.
- Cleveland County Council—April Showers Decorating Tips—Our program was to share easy, affordable decorating ideas and tasty finger foods and beverages appropriate for all-occasion showers. The ideas would be presented at several meetings to be held at the Methodist Church Life Center, and each of our county clubs would provide presenters for these demonstrations. Our program enabled our

council to share low-cost baby and wedding shower decorating tips as well as attractive and tasty finger foods appropriate for the occasion.

- Cleveland County—Rison EHC—Ronald McDonald House—Our club chose supporting the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock as its community service project. Our club provided toiletry items for families staying there and paid for a night's lodging for a family. We will continue to donate items and food throughout the year. Our donations are helping to make the parents' stay a little more comfortable and maybe help to ease the strain on their pocketbook.
- Cleveland County—Y EHC—Forestry Day Luncheon—The Cleveland County Soil Conservation District and National Resource Conservation Service held their forestry skills contest on March 9, 2012. The contest included students from 6 area schools: Hampton, Hermitage, Lincoln County 4-H, Rison, and Sparkman. Our club cooked barbeque and served sandwiches, chips, dessert, and drinks to over 100 high school students, teachers, judges, and members of the staff.
- Garland County Council—Relay for Life Luncheon—Garland County Council is dedicated to raising funds to help continue research to eradicate cancer. For the past 8 years, our council has held a luncheon as a fundraiser at the Garland County Relay for Life. Each club is asked to sponsor and decorate at least 1 table to seat 8 to 10 people. The amount we have raised has increased each year, and we are setting our goal even higher for next year.
- Garland County—Park/Heights EHC—Bears for Salvation Army—Our club dressed 30 teddy bears for the Salvation Army. They were completely dressed with shoes, underwear, clothes, and hats. Some items were bought and some handmade. We turned in the bears at our Annual Christmas Council Meeting for use by the Salvation Army.
- Grant County Council—Helping with Grant County Fair—We selected helping with the Grant County Fair as one of our projects this year. Our members were involved in the process from the beginning to the end of the planning and execution of all phases of the fair. We assisted in planning the fair tabloid, in entering items in the fair, assisted the judges on judging day, acted as hostesses in the Home Economics Building and helped with exhibitor pickup at the end.
- Howard County—Uncommon Threads EHC—Baby Blankets and Bibs for Health Unit—Our club has worked diligently to make and supply the Howard County Health Unit in Nashville, Arkansas with baby blankets and bibs. They are distributed to mothers visiting the health unit through the mother/infant program and nurses use them on home visits. We supplied 20 sets at the initial startup and have donated

over 100 since that time. The program has been well received, and we are prepared to continue this project into the future.

- **Montgomery County Council—Quartz, Quiltz, and Craftz Festival**—Our county council has sponsored the quilt show division of the Montgomery County Quartz, Quiltz, and Craftz Festival for 32 years. Quilters from a large area around Mount Ida bring their quilts to be displayed. Local officials and dignitaries are asked to present their own award to their favorite quilt, and we have a People's Choice Award. We have visitors from all over the world, as they also come to take part in the crystal dig and craft show held in conjunction with the quilt show. We sell tickets on a quilt made by local ladies, and the funds from that and our Country Store are used to support our Council projects and activities.
- **Montgomery County—Pine Ridge EHC—Montgomery County Ag Day**—Montgomery County Council marked its 100th birthday by becoming the primary sponsor of Ag Day. Ag Day is a 1 day workshop held at the county fairgrounds each year and was attended this year by 180 third and fourth graders representing 3 county school districts. The students received lunch organized, prepared, and served by 15 EHC members representing several different clubs. The children also received free t-shirts in their school colors with the Ag Day logo on the front and 100th Birthday of EHC information displayed boldly on the back.
- **Montgomery County—Stitchin' Friends EHC—Quilts of Valor**—The National Organization for Quilts of Valor was started in 2003 and since that date, has awarded over 6,500 quilts nationally to service members/veterans. Our club started our program after the grandson of one of our members was wounded in Iraq. We decided to present our Quilts of Valor to local veterans instead of sending them to the national organization. The club has presented over 20 quilts so far. All material to make the quilts was donated by local people or members of the club.
- **Ouachita County Council—Celebrating 100 Years**—Ouachita County Council celebrated community service, leadership development, and education of the organization throughout the year. Through our tour of historical homes, we were able to fund a new scholarship and donate to the Historical Society. Leadership was underscored in a county-wide birthday celebration. Skills that were learned throughout the year's supported an Autumn Market for 2013 scholarships.
- **Pike County Council—100-Year Quilt Project**—Since EHC is celebrating its first 100 years in existence, Pike County decided to commemorate it through constructing a quilt to be permanently hung in the Pike County Courthouse to share with all Pike County residents and visitors. Members of all 5 clubs designed and made their own

blocks. One block bears the EHC emblem and a tribute to the 100-year birthday of EHC.

- Pike County—East Delight EHC—Keep Warm Through the Journey of Growing Old—Our club decided to make lap quilts for the residents of the Murfreesboro Rehab and Nursing Center. 20 quilts were presented to the Center's staff for distribution, and the residents were thrilled with these warm and beautifully colored lap quilts. Our club intends to follow up with more quilts and blankets as needed.
- Pike County—Pisgah EHC—Delightful Christmas—Our club volunteered our time to help decorate the small town of Delight in Pike County for Christmas. We used natural and store-bought items to place decorative reminders in barrels around town and on windows of many of the store fronts to bring a cheery face to the small town. We also participated in the parade by decorating a red truck owned by one of the members. Several of our members rode in the back of the truck, which had signs along the side commemorating the 100-year anniversary of EHC.
- Pulaski County Council—Angel Wraps—Members of Pulaski County Council were able to complete more than 600 layettes for stillborn babies. The layettes are relatively easy to make, but the need for them is unfortunate. The layettes were delivered to the Love Lives Programs at UAMS, a funeral home and to the Holy Sews Ministry. One club has voted to continue with this project for the future as the need arises.
- Saline County Council—Human Needs Food Drive—Our EHC council sponsored a food drive for residents of Saline County who are in need. We decorated a Christmas tree at a local business and asked people to bring nonperishable food items and place under the tree. These items were donated to CJCHON for distribution to the people. We enjoyed the fellowship of decorating the tree and collecting the items for this cause. All clubs in the county participated in this project.
- Saline County—Midway EHC—Saline County Adult Drug Court—The Saline County Adult Drug Court is a court-supervised drug treatment program for persons with drug-related felony charges who qualify under the admission criteria. When a person in this program completes this 5-phase program, which lasts a minimum of 18 months, they are allowed to graduate. Midway EHC treats these graduates and their families to a luncheon as a celebration for their hard work and dedication to changing their lives and entering society as a responsible citizen. We feel privileged to have a small part in offering our support to the participants of this program.
- Saline County—Sharon EHC—Needed Items for ACH—Our club made dolls, hats, pillows, blankets, stockings, and tote bags and delivered them to ACH. WE have

enjoyed helping to support ACH for the past 5 years, and we are proud to be a part of such a worthwhile cause. These people are very appreciative, and we plan to continue our work with them.

- Scott County Council—Feeding the Nursing Home and Hospital Employees—To show our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the Waldron Nursing Home and the Mercy Hospital employees, Scott County Council prepared a meal for the 50 employees. All 5 clubs in the county participated in this project, which has become a yearly event. The event has the benefit of providing great public relations for EHC of Scott County, reminding those in the county that we are a vital caring organization.
- Scott County—Busy Hands EHC—Sewing Project for Waldron Elementary School—Our club recognized needs of the Waldron Elementary School and decided to provide some of these needs. Backpacks were made from good heavy fabric to carry items to and from school, even food items were sent home to some children. We also collected new and clean clothing items for children who attend without proper clothing for the weather, get wet, or have accidents during the day.
- Scott County—Scrap Pack EHC—Operation Write Home—Operation Write Home is a nonprofit organization that sends blank, handmade cards to our military. They may use the cards to write to family and friends while they are far from home. The national organization has sent over a half-million cards to our military worldwide between 2007 and 2012. Our club participation was started by Crystal Owens, a member of our Scrap Pack Project Club. We worked approximately 70 hours over a 3 month period, and 271 cards were shipped to the organization. We used this project as an exhibit for our 100th anniversary celebration and at our education booth at the Scott County Fair.
- Sevier County Council—From Seed to Tomato—Our county agent, Terrie James, brought to our attention at our annual Spring Meeting that the kindergarten class at De Queen was studying about plants and nutrition. A suggestion was made that we show them how food comes from plants and plants grow from seeds. Tomatoes were chosen for the example. 11 kindergarten classes were able to experience planting the tomato seeds and watching them grow. They were taught about what seeds need to grow into plants that provide food. The children enjoyed and loved every bit of the experience, and EH members thoroughly enjoyed helping and watching the children learn.

Ozark District

- Baxter County Council—Support for Mountain Home Food Basket—When it was learned that the Mountain Home Food Basket was struggling to maintain their supply of paper bags due to the increasing cost, Baxter County EHC members were galvanized by the Vice President for Community Service to start collecting paper (and plastic) sacks. Along with monetary donations, hundreds of paper sacks were collected and delivered to the volunteers at the Food Basket.
- Baxter County—Patchwork EHC---Christmas Stockings for Children/Nursing Homes—Patchwork EHC has an annual community service project of Christmas stockings. Members saw published letters to Baxter Bulletin's Christmas Wish. The letters were very heart touching and requested food, clothes, and toys. We felt that we could help show leadership and caring by making these stockings and ditty bags so children and elderly in need could have something special for the holiday.
- Benton County Council—Happy 100th Birthday EHC—To create awareness of the impact EHC has had in Benton County and as a celebration of the 100th birthday of AEHC, county and city officials and special friends of EHC were invited to attend a special “Happy Birthday EHC” party. Proclamations were presented from the Benton County judge and Bentonville mayor declaring April 27 as EHC Day in Benton County and May as AEHC month.
- Boone County—Harrison EHC—Honoring 100 Years of EHC—To honor the 100th Anniversary of AEHC, our club set a goal of 100 quilts for wounded military in Germany, 100 pounds of groceries for Share and Care, 100 pounds of snacks for the children's weekend backpack ministry, and 100 ornaments to decorate the Boone County Courthouse. WE also provided an education booth at the county fair that focused on EHC's 100 years of community service. We met and surpassed our goal and brought positive attention to EHC's 100-Year Anniversary.
- Carroll County—Busy Bees EHC—Comfort Pillows for the Nursing Home—The Busy Bees set up an education booth at the Carroll County Fair on how to make comfort pillows. They were informed that the nursing home needed some of these pillows, so they organized 2 workshops for making the pillows. 75 pillows were made in bright, cheery colors, and 50 were delivered to the Autumn Hills Nursing Home in Bentonville and 25 were given to the Brighton Ridge Nursing Home in Eureka Springs.
- Cleburne County Council—Basic Sewing Class—Because of comments in our community about people wanting to return to basic skills, Cleburne County

members perceived a need for basic sewing class in our county. During June 2012, we held a series of classes for beginners where participants made a simple jacket while learning to use their sewing machine, basic techniques, how to select fabric, how to read a pattern, etc. Participants were encouraged to enter their jackets in the county fair.

- Cleburne County—Good Springs EHC—Margie’s Haven House Donations—Margie’s Haven House is a safe house for women and children to escape domestic violence. As many of these women and children arrive with very little or no personal items, Good Springs EHC decided to support this cause. Items including blankets, laundry baskets, toiletry items, baby items, etc. were collected and delivered to Margie’s Haven House. These items helped 49 women and children at the shelter and 145 other needy persons.
- Conway County Council—Backpack Drive—The Conway County Council chose to partner with the Conway County Hometown Health Coalition in an effort to fight hunger. A goal was set to collect 100 backpacks by the end of September for Conway County Schools. The backpacks would be sent home filled with nonperishable food items each Friday so students would not go hungry over the weekend. 25 of the 128 backpacks donated to this cause were provided by Conway County Council.
- Conway County—Birdtown EHC—No Tears Teddy Bears—Birdtown EHC was proud to work with the Conway County Police Department in a project called “No Tears Teddy Bears”. Police place these teddy bears in their patrol cars. When the need arises to help a fearful child during a traumatic situation, they will give the child a teddy bear to hold. Birdtown EHC was proud to provide 40 teddy bears on which they sewed a silver badge to represent the Conway County Police Department.
- Conway County—Hilltoppers EHC—Kids First-Our Future—Kids First is a preschool that provides free developmental evaluations, nutritional information, occupational, physical, and speech therapy, and other medical services to children. Our club chose to assist them by donating needed supplies for their use. The donations were funded by holding a Spring Bake Sale where we sold homemade desserts, handmade crafts, and beautifully decorated crosses. Items provided were shovels and pails, kitchen towels, cotton balls, foam shapes, bubbles, and fitted crib sheets.
- Conway County—New Horizon EHC—“Be the Match” Bone Marrow Donor Registry—The New Horizon EHC decided to hold a match donor drive after seeing a heart-wrenching story on tv. They contacted the regional representative of “Be a

Match” Foundation , who gave them information on how to organize. A date was set for the club, Be a Match Foundation, and the Nursing School at UACCM to have a drive. 55 people were registered. Our ladies provided cookies at registration, and volunteers worked throughout the drive.

- Conway County—Oppelo Twilite EHC—Gifts of Love—Oppelo Twilite EHC has had the project of support the Brookridge Cove Rehabilitation Center for 3 years. We played bingo with the residents on 3 Mondays a month. We adopted a young man with Down’s Syndrome who was crazy about Elvis. Our members gave him a cd player and Elvis CD’s. He was thrilled. WE discovered that he knew the words to every Elvis song and loved to sing them at the top of his voice. He died a few months later. We also bagged 95 Christmas gifts, made goodies to eat, and assisted at the residents’ Christmas party. Throughout the year, we gave scarves, walker totes, lap robes, and other special crafts.
- Conway County—Petit Jean EHC—Petit Jean Mountain Volunteer Fire Department—The Petit Jean EHC has always tried to support our county volunteer fire and rescue departments. This year, we discovered they were trying to raise money for a thermal imaging device. This device checks for hot spots before leaving a fire. Club members and other county residents joined together sponsoring fundraisers during the year, and we were able to provide ¼ of the needed \$15,000 for the device (\$3,750).
- Crawford County—River Belles EHC—Helping Alma Community Outreach—Our community service program this year consisted of donating food and supplies to the Crawford County Senior Center and helping serve meals. WE assisted Arvest Bank with their “One Million Meal Backpack Program” and also assisted the Alma Community Outreach Center by helping them fill their shelves with canned goods and other food. We also collected supplies for the “Stuff the Bus” event.
- Crawford County—Rena EHC—Love Thy Neighbor—The Gospel Rescue Mission in Van Buren is a wonderful program helping those in need, but the Rescue Mission also needed help. The mission relies solely on donations, and the Rena Club is very passionate about helping this deserving facility. Rena Club helps by collecting canned goods and other food that can be used to provide meals at the mission. Our club also donated items to the children’s outreach part of the mission.
- Independence County—Fans EHC—Fundraiser for Cord Fire Department—The Fans EHC met each month in the Cord Fire Department building, and recently there were 2 break-ins there. There was a lot of valuable equipment stolen, which was not recovered. Our club decided to sponsor a fundraiser that resulted in a large

donation to the Cord Volunteer Fire Department, which helped to replace their lost equipment. They were very appreciative.

- Izard County Council—County Craft Show and Sale—Izard County Council ladies love to make crafts and need to sell them to have money to buy supplies. The Craft Show and Sale is a good way to help them and a good way to recruit new members. This project also benefits the Izard County Fair Association. All items are homemade items made by our ladies and our show grows bigger each year.
- Izard County—GID EHC—Teddy Bear Ministry—We collected stuffed animals for WRMC Chaplin Doc Spurlin for his “Teddy Bear Ministries”. He collects these toys for sick children under 5 years old coming into the hospital for treatment, hoping the child will receive comfort while in the hospital. Our club donated 185 stuffed toys during this past year.
- Izard County—Redbud EHC—Safe Passage Home—Safe Passage is a faith-based program that benefits persons affected by domestic violence. Our club decided to support this worthwhile organization, so we collected and donated items from their list of needed items. We also donated \$50 from our club.
- Izard County—Zion EHC—Gift Card/Basket Fundraiser—Zion EHC held a raffle of a grocery/gift card basket which generated enough funds to support this year’s donations to Manna House Food Bank, Safe Passage Women’s Shelter, Relay for Life, Melbourne Head Start, Zion Fire Department, and Becky’s Kids (Izard County foster children).
- Johnson County Council—Hosting Ozark District Rally—The Johnson County Council hosted the Ozark District Rally by providing the location and the meal. Many members from all county clubs took part in the project by preparing food to feed over 180 members and guests. Proceeds from the dinner helped fund the council’s many community projects.
- Johnson County—Oark EHC—Over the Top Head Turbans—9 of our members made 110 turbans (108 sewn and 2 crocheted) and donated them to 2 cancer treatment centers (St. Mary’s Cancer Treatment Center in Russellville and the 20th Century Club Lodge in Little Rock). This project touched the lives of many people, including ourselves, and it was definitely “Over the Top”.
- Johnson County—ReRuns EHC—4-H Workshops—The Johnson County 4-H agent asked our EHC to provide some learning activities for the 4-H youth. We were glad to comply and provided 2 workshops. Members conducted a fall workshop for making Christmas decorations and a spring workshop to sew pillowcases. The kids and the agents were very appreciative.

- Madison County—Colbaugh EHC—Celebrating 100 Years Generation to Generation—Our project was designed to celebrate and learn how EHC originated generations ago and how they have evolved over the last 100 years. We tried to do this by sharing projects from older generations and having demonstrations.
- Marion County Council—Spay and Neuter Clinic—The Spay and Neuter Clinic is a program conceived to help prevent unwanted kittens and puppies from being born. We supplied meals for the workers, laundered the towels and blankets used for bedding and volunteered to sit with the animals before and after surgery until they were able to walk around.
- Sebastian County Council—Celebrating 100 Years—During the year of 2012, our county clubs participated in several projects to celebrate the 100th anniversary of EHC. We took part in the interviews for history of some of our members with longevity in the Home Demonstration Clubs. Our club wore our red t-shirts with the 100th anniversary logo on them to many functions. We also celebrated the 100th birthday of one of our members, Ms. Alice Buckley, and 16 members from our county attended the 100th anniversary celebration meeting in Hot Springs.
- Sebastian County—Excelsior EHC—Dresses for Africa—Excelsior EHC made 70 little dresses from pillowcases for African Children. Most of the materials used such as pillowcases, elastic, bias tape, scarves, and ribbons were donations to the project. We also made or bought 40 pair of shorts for little boys. These clothing items were delivered by a missionary to Africa.
- Sharp County Council—Air for the Fair—Our council decided to participate in bringing air conditioning to one of the buildings at our county fairgrounds. This building is used by the EHC and Master Gardeners during the county fair. These 2 organizations paired together to obtain donations from local banks, grants from Walmart, the Arkansas Community Foundation, Modern Woodmen of America, the local VFW post, and individual donations. A wall plaque recognizing the donors now hangs in the education exhibit building.
- Washington County—Serendipity EHC—Bibs, Blankets, and Boo-Boos—This program is a community service project by our club to provide nice terry cloth bibs, warm fleece blankets, and new shop rags to UAMS Pediatrics Department's Kids First Child Care in Lowell, Arkansas. We made and collected 42 bibs, 6 blankets, and a huge bag of new shop rags. These items were delivered to UAMS by a couple of our members.

- Washington County—Stony Valley EHC—Reed Valley Recycles—Our project was a year long project that involved every member. We decided to involve our community and our families in learning and sharing our ideas about recycling in our daily lives.
- Washington County—Viney Grove EHC—Bags and Pillows for Cancer Support House—The Cancer Support House in Fayetteville needed small pillows and drain bag holders for their patients. Members of our club worked together to make and deliver 60 pillows and 40 bags. We plan to continue this project as need arises.
- Yell County Council—Fair Cultural Arts Building Made Better—Our plan for some improvements for the Cultural Arts Building and the kitchen at the County Fairgrounds was presented to the fair board. The board approved \$2,500 for these improvements. With the money, we provided supplies to make new shelves and display racks for the fair building. The Vo-tech school agreed to make them for us as at no charge. The Yell County Council provided another \$1,200 to install cabinets, a sink, and running water in our new kitchen area.
- Yell County—Gum Springs EHC—From Washboards to Keyboards-10 Decades—Our club wrote, practiced, and presented a skit called “From Washboards to Keyboards”. Our goal was to spread the word about EHC women who have served their families and communities for 100 years. The skit was a song written to be sung to the tune of “The 12 Days of Christmas”. This was performed for the Spring Council Meeting in April at the Millsap Center in Danville. We performed again at the 100-Year Celebration Dinner also held at the Millsap Center, and the last performance was the Ozark District Presidents Meeting in October.
- Yell County—Spring Creek EHC—Shower for Ronald McDonald House—Our club decided to support the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock by helping to supply them with items on their wish list. We distributed a list to all members who in turn bought items. We delivered the items to Little Rock in April 2012. Some of the items supplied were sheets, towels, bedding, paper products, and snack foods. We also donated a monetary gift of \$150.