

2015-2016 Project Book Summaries

Delta District

- Arkansas County Council—The council members mad 50 teaching dolls. The members present enjoyed sewing, fellowship, and a potluck lunch. The dolls were presented to the Arkansas Children’s Hospital along with 147 Hats for Noggins that were donated by members of Prairie Gems EHC.
- Arkansas County—New Providence/Turley EHC—Bibs for Dewitt Nursing Home— Members of the New Providence/Turley EHC met with members of Key EHC and Prairie Gems EHC to make bibs for the residents of the Dewitt Nursing Home. Therw were 48 terry cloth bibs made and donated to the nursing home.
- Arkansas County—Prairie Gems EHC—Miss Arkansas County Rice Contest—The Miss Arkansas County Rice contest was the focus of the Prairie Gems EHC this past year. The Prairie Gems are annual sponsors of this contest that is open to all girls ages 16-19, enrolled in school, and residing in Arkansas County. This project helps focus the attention on the importance of the rice industry.
- Ashley County Council—Lap Robe Project—The Ashley County Council mad and distributed double-knit lap robes to Pine Wood Nursing Home and Stone Gate Nursing Home. There were a total 88 lap robes made and donated. The social service directors were excited to receive these items for their wheelchair-bound patients.
- Craighead County Council—Sew and Tell—Craighead County Council hosted a “Sew and Tell” event with the focus on featuring simple sewing projects with a machine available to anyone who wanted to learn to sew. Craft ideas were also available for those wanting to make something new for the Christmas season. This event was also used as a recruiting tool for the clubs.
- Craighead County—Black Oak/Lake City EHC—Assisting with Lake City Museum Repair—Black Oak/Lake City EHC took on the project of helping repair and restore after damage was done to the Lake City Museum by wind and rain. Members of the Black Oak/Lake City EHC cleaned and replaced the artifacts in the museum to the proper place of honor.
- Craighead County—Greensboro EHC—Food/Nutrition Education Program— Cooking Lessons—The Greensboro EHC volunteered to staff and help teach the “cooking lessons” element of the city-wide extension program. Members of the Greensboro shared their knowledge and ability to cook a full dinner for community participants. This program was designed to help educate regarding nutrition and

cost savings. Members also presented menu ideas and tips for preparing healthy food for children.

- Craighead County—Oak Grove EHC—Sewing for Others—Oak Grove EHC selected Sewing for Others as their community service project. The EHC members held 2 sewing workdays and were able to complete 60 transport pillows and 90 teaching dolls for ACH and 50 comfort blankets for the NEA Children’s Advocacy Clinic.
- Craighead County—Opportunity EHC—Helping Neighbors Food Pantry—The Opportunity EHC chose to donate non-perishable food items to the Jonesboro-based Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. Each member brought a bag of canned foods or other non-perishable items to monthly club meetings. There were over 498 pounds of non-perishable food items delivered by the EHC. This delivery helped to feed the needy in the community.
- Craighead County—Pleasant Grove EHC—Comfort Covers—Pleasant Grove EHC made and donated over 100 comfort covers that were given to the Flo and Phil Jones Hospice House. These were made in honor of Shirley Coble, a valuable club member, who lost her battle with cancer in 2014 and had spent her last days at the Hospice House. A label attached to the comfort cover was attached with “In Memory of Shirley Coble—Made by Pleasant Grove EHC”.
- Craighead County—Valley View EHC—Knitting for Noggins—Members of the Valley View EHC taught other members to use looms and yarns to knit hats for ACH. Members individually purchased looms and yarn, and special supplies were funded from the club treasury. The completed hats were delivered to ACH with more than 600 volunteer hours recorded.
- Craighead County—West Mart EHC—Abdominal Band for Peritoneal Dialysis Patients—West Mart EHC made 100 protective dialysis abdominal bands for patients at St. Bernard’s Dialysis Center to keep the dialysis ports in a sanitary place when not in use. Commercially, these bands cost \$25 per band for each patient as it is not a Medicare-covered expense. The patients who received these bands were delighted and were able to use the money saved for other necessary items.
- Desha County—McGehee EHC—Labor of Love—The McGehee EHC members adopted 5 residents of the Highlands Nursing Home in McGehee, Arkansas. These residents have no families. For Christmas, the club members purchased a gift requested by the resident and also needed personal items. There are also services for all residents, which includes prayer, singing, and the word of God.
- Desha County—Travelers EHC—Operation Give Back—Members of the Travelers EHC chose to show the individuals at the local police station and fire and rescue

stations they are appreciated. Each member took a turn and baked goodies to take to the local police and fire stations.

- Drew County Council—Inventory and Cleaning of Drew County Museum—Our community service project was the Drew County Museum. The committee made assignments and work was planned. Due to weather conditions and changes in some plans, it became a 2 year project and was successfully completed by the members of 7 EH clubs in March of 2015. The inventory sheets provide the museum board with the information needed. Our EHC members discovered a treasure trove of information and objects.
- Drew County—Night Owls EHC—Assisting the Monticello Senior Citizens Center—The Night Owls EHC of Drew County worked with the Advantages Discovery Center in Monticello. The center assists Drew County adults with special needs. Southside EHC members had a Halloween party and Easter egg hunt for them, giving those attending something extra besides their day-to-day activities.
- Jackson County Council—“Cook of the Day” Lindley Healthcare & Rehab—In collaboration with the Lindley Healthcare and Rehabilitation, our members volunteer each month to prepare food and/or beverages for the residents to enjoy. The project is called “Cook of the Day”. The residents enjoy this special program each month by gathering in the dining hall and watching EHC members prepare something special.
- Jackson County—South Tuckerman EHC—Tucker School District Resource Classroom—The South Tuckerman EHC members worked with the Tuckerman School District and donated a variety of school materials for students in need. Members volunteered their time to visit with the teachers and students to determine what was needed. The largest request was for school supplies. The South Tuckerman EHC members made a financial donation with the materials being purchased and taken to the school.
- Jefferson County Council—Teaching Dolls—The Jefferson County Council was contacted by the ACH with a request for teaching dolls. 53 members from 4 Jefferson County clubs joined together to make the teaching dolls. The Jefferson County Council funded the project by providing the funds for the fabric and stuffing. The EHC members cut, stuffed, and sewed 275 teaching dolls that were taken to the ACH.
- Jefferson County—Grace Willing Workers EHC—Remembering our Senior Citizens—GWWEHC remembered seniors by sending hand-crafted cards to a specific list of people with club members signing them and distributing gift bags to these seniors. In addition, telephone calls and visits were made. By doing this project, we feel we helped ease the loneliness many seniors face.

- Jefferson County—Willing Workers of White Hall EHC—Turbans for Cancer Institute—WWoWWEHC was contacted by the Cancer Institute of Pine Bluff to make cancer turbans for their patients. The club members held several sessions cutting out the pattern for 100 caps. Some of the caps were then carried home to be worked on and then later brought together to complete. The patients are always happy to receive these turbans.
- Lawrence County—Scrappers EHC—Crafty Ideas Workshop—Crafty Ideas Workshop was a community service project chosen by the Scrappers EHC members to educate the public on recycling and upcycling. Club members demonstrated how to upcycle old piece of furniture, transform old t-shirts into beautiful scarves, and used greeting cards into creative gift boxes. The EHC members also used this workshop as a recruiting tool and gained several new members.
- Lincoln County Council—Home-Canned Jam and Jelly Workshop—Lincoln County Council conducted a home-canned jam and jelly workshop to teach food safety basics through hands-on instruction. 1 in 5 U.S. households report preserving some of their food, with 65% canning their own vegetables. According to the CDC, home-canned vegetables are the most common cause of foodborne botulism.
- Lincoln County—Hickory Grove EHC—Caring Chemo Caps—Hickory Grove EHC chose to help chemotherapy patients feel a little better by looking good! During 2 workshops, members handcrafted 100 colorful soft cotton jersey knit caps. The caps were donated to the Arkansas Cancer Institute-Pine Bluff, the American Cancer Society-Little Rock, and several were kept in Lincoln County to go to family, friends, and citizens who may go through chemotherapy.
- Lonoke County—Quilters of Lonoke EHC—Pillow Fighting for our Community—The Quilters of Lonoke EHC chose to support Lonoke County Safe Haven with their 2015 community service project. Members and volunteers completed 112 pillowcases that were donated to Lonoke County Safe Haven to help provide a sense of comfort to individuals recovering from the effects of domestic violence.
- Lonoke County—Sylvania Tri-Community EHC—From Cabot to Africa-Pillowcase Dresses—The members of the Sylvania Tri-Community EHC made 72 pillowcase dresses for the girls of the Glaro Tribe in the Ivory Coast of Africa, where a local woman is a missionary. Many volunteers from the community also helped. 20 women gave over 200 hours of their time and their talent to complete this project.
- Poinsett County—Lucky 13 EHC—Scarves, Cap, Pillows, and Afghans for Hope Circle—2 Lucky 13 EHC members working separately crocheted and/or knitted 50 caps, 37 scarves, 2 afghans, and stitched 7 chemo pillows for our community

service project. These were given to Hope Circle, an organization that provides much needed help to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

- Prairie County Council—Answering the CALL—The Prairie County Council chose to donate to the CALL, a ministry for children in foster care. The ministry sends out a call for particular items needed by foster and adopted children every few months. Each club in the county participated by collecting donated diapers, making summer gift baskets, and clothes for children of all sizes and ages.
- Prairie County—Biscoe EHC—Sowing Seeds of Kindness-Love Boxes—At monthly meetings, members of the Biscoe EHC filled boxes with canned goods, food, household goods, and reading material. These were delivered to neighbors in the community in a time of need, sickness, lonely, bereaved, or homebound. Also in “Memory of Donations” were made for several in our community and fruit baskets to others.
- Prairie County—Busy Hands EHC—Honoring our Veterans—Busy Hands EHC chose to honor and memorialize the veterans in our community cemetery. We purchased flags and placed them on the graves during several military holidays. There are veterans from 6 different wars represented at the Hickory Plains Cemetery—the Civil War, World Wars I and II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War. Enthusiasm and participation on this project has spread to community members.
- Prairie County—Idlewild EHC—Supporting our Library—The Devalls Bluff Library was in need of monthly bingo prizes. Members of the Idlewild EHC met the need by donating money to purchase the bingo prizes. The EHC members presented the prizes on a monthly basis. The Devalls Bluff Library staff appreciated the members and the bingo prizes given.
- Prairie County—Oak Prairie EHC—Lending a Helping Hand—The Oak Prairie EHC chose to collect and donate canned foods and non-perishable staples for the Prairie County food pantry in Des Arc. By “lending a helping hand”, our EHC accumulated almost 300 pounds of canned food items and other staples. Our members brought in their food items each month. It was then weighed and taken to the food pantry.
- Prairie County—Prairie Piecemakers EHC—Storybook Quilts—Storybook Quilts was chosen as a community service project. All schools in Prairie County were able to utilize the 14 quilts constructed by the EHC members to accompany a story-book. Through this project, our members hope we encouraged a love for reading and an appreciation of quilts by the children as well as a fun time activity.
- Randolph County Council—Santa Sale at Nursing Homes—Members of the Randolph County Council held a Santa Sale at each of the nursing home in the county. Residents of the homes are given play money. The residents check out with

their purchase by using their play money, and the EHC members gift wrap their presents. The Council purchases enough yarn to make colorful capes and lap robes also for the residents.

- White County—Bald Knob EHC—Pillows for Breast Cancer Patients—Bald Knob EHC members donated 150 pillows to breast cancer patients. 10 members worked 450 hours toward this project and spent \$305 for the material. Our club members made and distributed to the 4 different CARTI offices, local oncology office, and to the breast cancer department of UAMS.
- White County—El Paso EHC—Children of the World-Arkansas Children's Hospital— El Paso EHC's project has been making teaching dolls, blankets, and hats as well as donating care packages of toiletries for families of patients. Our club donated 361 teaching dolls, 223 hand-knitted and crocheted hats, 117 holiday lap robes/blankets, and 319 pillows. Members also purchased and donated toys and book as gifts to the patients during the holidays.
- White County—Floyd EHC—The Floyd EHC provided desserts to almost 300 participants in the Sunshine Rodeo held just outside Beebe. The Sunshine School serves students of all ages with developmental disabilities. The students had a wonderful time riding stick horses and enjoying rodeo events they would not normally get to participate in.
- White County—Little Indian Creek EHC—Holy Sews—Little Indian Creek EHC handmade baby layettes for tiny preemies who pass away, usually in the 2nd trimester of pregnancy. These layettes are donated to the nonprofit organization to distribute to grieving parents as needed. The layettes include a gown, coverlet, and fleece blanket. In addition each layette includes a tiny knitted or crocheted hat that matches the layette. Our members have completed over 500 baby layettes.
- White County—Pangburn—Little Red EHC—Taste of the Holidays—The Taste of the Holidays is an annual event of the Pangburn-Little Red EHC. The purpose of the event was to provide a fun evening out and to raise funds to provide help for Christmas for the needy families in our community. The idea was to share family recipes with a twist in the hopes others might include these dishes in their own celebrations.
- Woodruff County—Fakes Chapel EHC—Sewing for Arkansas Children's Hospital— After doing an online search, members of the Fakes Chapel EHC decided there was a need for teaching dolls, travel-size pillows, and tote bags. After 2 sewing workshops, the club members delivered 55 travel-sized pillows, 12 teaching dolls, and 7 tote bags to Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Ouachita District

- Bradley County—Block Builders EHC—Kim’s Quilt—The members of the Bradley County Block Builders EHC made and presented a handmade quilt to a local rural mail carrier and friend, Kim White. Ms. White had lost her home in a fire, all personal belongings were destroyed, including a collection of quilts. The quilt given was a signature quilt with quilting blocks representing nature’s beauty.
- Calhoun County Council—Hogskin Festival Quilt Show—Calhoun County Council members decided to give away notepads, pin cushions, quilt blocks, and quilting notion as a incentive to view the quilts on display at the Hogskin Days Festival. Prizes were selected by participants playing the “Quilt Scramble” game. Proceeds from the quilt exhibited at a local bank to help support the Calhoun County EH 4-H scholarship.
- Calhoun County—Artesian EHC—Teaching Dolls—Members of the Artesian EHC made a total of 169 teaching doll. Children’s Hospital was presented with 139 and the 6 health clinic under CABUN Rural Health Services Inc., were given to the other 30 teaching dolls.
- Calhoun County—Knitting EHC—Knitting and Crocheting-Making a Comeback—A project EHC was formed in Calhoun County to teach residents how to crochet and knit. There were 12 classes taught by Thornton EHC member Kathryn Williams. Items made by the participants were scarves, caps, neck scarves, and head bands. The items made were then entered in the Calhoun County Fair.
- Calhoun County—Needle Art EHC—Quilting—Members of the Needle Art EHC conducted 12 workshops on designing quilt blocks, cutting quilt patterns, appliqueing, joining quilt pieces, and using quilting cutting equipment. These workshops provided the opportunity for participants to learn new quilting skills and improved their current sewing skills relative to quilting.
- Calhoun County—Smart Belle EHC—A Healthy You—Smart Belle EHC members joined with the FCS agent and provided several projects to promote healthy eating and food safety to children in Calhoun County. The members also participated in a pilot program “Renu You”, which emphasized the principles of pleasurable and healthy eating, physical activity, and respect for body size diversity.
- Calhoun County—Thornton EHC—One in a Million (Pillowcases)—The Thornton EHC members made and donated 104 pillowcases to Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock. This project was achieved with the help of other EHC and 4-H clubs in Calhoun County. One in a Million was a challenge made by an organization to other volunteer groups to make and donate as many pillowcases as possible.
- Cleveland County Council—AR Saves Stroke Awareness—Cleveland County Council chose “AR Saves Stroke Awareness” for a community service program. The program was presented in 4 areas of the county and featured a PowerPoint program, promotional

handouts, and other items given to the county residents who attended. EH members answered questions from the audience. Many shared their own experience with strokes. Refreshments were served which resulted in casual sharing of experiences.

- Cleveland County—Friendship EHC—McKinney Cottage Adult Bib Donation—Friendship EHC members cut and made adult bibs for residents of the Green House Cottages, McKinney Cottage. On delivery day, we visited and played bingo with the residents of the cottage. Afterwards we presented the adult bibs. Everyone loved them and asked us to come back and visit. Our club members did go back to the Green House Cottages to judge cupcakes for them.
- Cleveland County—New Home EHC—Art Supplies for Local School—Members of the New Home EHC chose buying and donating art supplies to Woodlawn Elementary School. Several members participated in the shopping and purchasing of the art supplies. The supplies were presented by the club president at a school assembly.
- Garland County Council—Tote Bags for Women and Children in Crisis—Garland County Council members made 50 tote bags and filled them with toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths, lotions, facial tissue, hair brushes, and other assorted toiletries. The bags were then delivered to Ouachita Children’s Center and Potters Clay Ministries.
- Garland County—Loyal Ladies EHC—Coupons for Soldiers—The Loyal Ladies EHC members collect and clip coupons for our soldiers overseas. The members also sort and calculate the dollar amount of the manufacturer’s coupon. They are then totaled for the amount on the coupon and prepared to mail to the military base. Our members have collected over 400,000 coupon dollars with this project.
- Garland County—Park/Heights EHC—Wreath Making for Nursing Homes—Members of the Park/Heights EHC decided to make wreaths for the nursing homes during the holiday season. 15 wreaths were made and taken to the 3 different nursing homes in the Garland County area. The smiles we received as we put the wreaths on the doors made this such a worthwhile project.
- Grant County Council—Living Well with Diabetes Workshop—Members of the Grant County Council sponsored a “Living Well with Diabetes” Workshop for residents of Grant County. There were 4 2-hour sessions which featured blood sugar checks, educational information, drug information, and food demonstration. The Ephesus EHC members provided the funds for the food demonstration that was prepared each week.
- Hot Spring County Council—Cot Sheets for CADC—Hot Spring County EHC members were asked to make cot sheets for CADC in Malvern. The purchasing agent knew our club members did projects throughout the year for the community and county. The cot sheets are \$10 to \$12 each when bought new. Our club members have made 60 sheets to date.

- Little River County—Arden EHC—Help!Help! Survivors of Domestic Violence—Our EHC members adopted a community service project entitled Help! Help! Survivors of Domestic Violence. We donated 103 stuffed pillows, animals, and blankets. These brought physical comfort to families as they snuggled in secure warmth while working through their trauma at the Domestic Violence Prevention Emergency Shelter.
- Montgomery County Council—Montgomery Council Quilt Show—The 36th Annual Montgomery County Quilt Show was held again this year in conjunction with the Mount Ida Quartz, Quiltz, and Craftz Festival. Approximately 50 EHC members took part in putting on the show, working approximately 350 volunteer hours. The Council made approximately \$1,500 to be used for community projects and attending training and educational events for our members.
- Montgomery County—Stitchin' Friends EHC—Quilts of Valor at County Quilt Show—Stitchin' Friends EHC had a booth at the quilt show to demonstrate sewing to make quilt blocks. Fabric packets cut to make a block were given out. Members talked to people about Quilts of Valor, fabric donations, about money needed for buying linings and batting. The goal of Stitchin' Friends EHC members is to give a quilt to every veteran in the county.
- Ouachita County—Friendly Neighbors EHC—Women's Crisis Center—The Friendly Neighbors EHC donated clothes, shoes, paper towels, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, tote bags, and other toiletry items to benefit the Women's Crisis Center in Camden. The members of Friendly Neighbors EHC believe in supporting and building up the women in Ouachita County.
- Ouachita County—Nite Birds EHC—Fairview Community Center—The Nite Birds EHC members voted to donate money for a new refrigerator and new chairs to the Fairview Community Center. The funds were raised by holding “Atwood's Hot Dog Saturday”. The Nite Birds EHC also held a workday to clean up the yard and flower beds around the center. The members served a potluck lunch to those who came to help.
- Pike County Council—Ronald McDonald House Survival Kits—Pike County Council members extended their sense of community statewide and also met the needs of the Ronald McDonald House. They served patients and their families from all over Arkansas, including Pike County, by assembling 25 survival kits for families when their children are admitted to the hospital and donated large items to be used by all the residents.
- Pike County—Diamondettes EHC—Angel at Christmas Time—The Angel Tree at the Chamber of Commerce was chosen as the Diamondettes EHC's community service project. There were a total of 5 angels receiving gifts from the EHC members. Gifts included toys, clothing, and shoes for the younger ones, while the older children received new outfits. Each member donated money that was used to purchase the presents for each angel.

- Pike County—Langley EHC—Langley EHC Gets Fit—The Langley EHC members decided their mission was to bring better health to their small town. With the closest place to work out being 30 minutes away, the EHC members brought the Extension Get Fit program to their town, the Historical Langley Gymnasium. The gymnasium is owned by a club member and the use of the building was donated.
- Pike County—Pisgah EHC—PJs to Brighten a Child’s Day—Pjs to Brighten a Childs’ Day is a project born from Pisgah EHC members love of sewing. The EHC members made and delivered 79 pajama pants to ACH and 12 plus to the Pike County Department of Human Services.
- Pulaski County Council—Teaching Dolls for ACH—Members of the Pulaski County Council decided to make teaching dolls for ACH. The dolls are made with solid-colored fabric and used by the doctors at ACH to draw on to help the children understand more about their surgery. There were 388 dolls made and donated. Pulaski County Council members bought supplies, cut patterns, and stuffed dolls.
- Pulaski County—North Pulaski EHC—Coupons to Troops—Adopt a Family—The North Pulaski EHC members chose to send coupons to military families at the Air Force Base in Laeknheath, England. When the coupons reach the air base, they are shared by multiple families. This project was a great savings to the military families who serve us in England. Helping to support our military in any way is always a blessing and a privilege.
- Saline County Council—Food Drive—Saline County Council members decorate a Christmas tree at a local business and ask people to bring non-perishable food items and place under the tree to be donated to CJCHON for distribution. There were 488 non-perishable food items collected. Members enjoy the fellowship of decorating the tree and collecting for this cause.
- Saline County—Sharon EHC—Arkansas Children’s Hospital—Members of the Sharon ECH made 346 hats, 39 pillows, 44 blankets, 4 Christmas stockings, 114 teaching dolls, 68 tote bags, and 41 headbands that were donated to ACH. Approximately 5,000 volunteer hours and estimated cost of \$423 worth of goods was given to this project.
- Scott County Council—Feeding Waldron Nursing Home and Mercy Hospital Employees—In appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the Waldron Nursing Home and the Mercy Hospital, our members prepared a meal for the 50 employees. It consisted of chili, soup, cornbread, crackers, cookies, and brownies made by 35 members of the 5 clubs. There was enough to feed all departments plus the evening and night shifts. This has become a yearly project.
- Scott County—Busy Hands Project EHC—Veterans Lap Quilts—The Hands EHC members made lap quilts for the Veterans Home in Fayetteville. The members had a “sew day”. They cut, pieced, and quilted lap quilts. Members of the club donated their fabric, time, and

expertise to provide these lap quilts to our veteran to show how much they are appreciated.

- Scott County—Good Neighbor EHC-Scholarship Program—The Scholarship Program was chosen as the community service project for the Good Neighbor EHC. There were 15 volunteers who were able to raise and provide money for a \$500 scholarship. The winner this year will be able to attend college thanks in part to the scholarship money provided.
- Scott County—Pleasant Hill EHC—Coffee for Cancer Lorene May Memorial—The annual “Coffee for Cancer” has been an annual project to honor Mrs. Lorene May, who started the event in 2002. Mrs. May passed away in 2013 at the age of 100 years old. This project has been carried on by her family, friends, American Cancer Society, and the Pleasant Hill EHC. The coffee, tea, and homemade refreshments were furnished, and residents generously donated to the project. A total of \$1,200 was raised and donated.
- Scott County—Scrap Pack EHC—Save the Children Head Start Read-A-Thon—The Statewide 7 week program of “Save the Children Head Start Read-A-Thon” was chosen by the Scrap Pack Project EHC. The members of the EHC read once a week to approximately 30 preschool children. This project introduced young children to reading and will help them to be better prepared to enter school.
- Scott County—Shutterbugs EHC—Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald Room—Collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald Room in Fort Smith has become a community-wide effort. Members of the EHC created collection points in several areas. Members collect the tabs and then deliver to the Ronald McDonald Room at Mercy Hospital to be sold and the money used to help with whatever is needed at the facility.
- Sevier County—Gilham EHC—Garment Protectors—The members of Gillham EHC made a dozen garment protectors for the patients at Brookewood Nursing and Rehab in DeQueen. In December, 2 of the members took the garment protectors and personally gave them to the residents and also sang carols. The patients received the gifts with smiles, and some even sang along. The manager appreciated our contribution and said the residents will enjoy them.

Ozark District

- Baxter County—Oakland/Promise Land EHC—Drawstring Bags for Beads of Courage—Oakland/Promise Land EHC members made and delivered drawstring bags to ACH for children who have had and/or are coping with serious and life-threatening illnesses. The children are given a bead for each procedure—some collecting hundreds of beads. Children received so many beads they could not carry them themselves, thus the idea of the drawstring bags.
- Benton County Council—Nursing Cover-Ups for WIC Mothers—EHC members responded to a request from the Benton County WIC office to make nursing cover-ups for

breastfeeding WIC mothers. Members donated fabric and with other supplies purchased by the Benton County Council, completed and donated 32 cover-ups.

- Benton County—Evening Star EHC—Tote Bags for NWA Arkansas Children’s Shelter—Members of the Evening Star EHC made tote bags to be given to children at the NWA Children’s Shelter. Most children come to the shelter without any personal possessions. At the shelter, they are given a change of clothes, personal care items, and a toy. The club members made tote bags for the children so they would not leave the shelter with their only possessions in a plastic bag.
- Benton County—Highfill EHC—Tote Bags for NWA Children’s Shelter—The Highfill EHC members made 125 tote bags and delivered them to the NWA Children’s Shelter. When the children are ready to leave the shelter, they get to select a tote bag to carry their clothing and personal items with them. Since there is always a need for lots of tote bags, our members chose this as our community service project.
- Benton County—Maysville EHC—Maintenance of the Maysville Community Building—The Maysville EHC oversees the use and maintenance of the Maysville Community Building. We do this by keeping the building in good repair through fundraisers, donations, and grants. A major accomplishment this year was securing funds for upgrading the heating and air conditioning system.
- Benton County—New Meadowbrook EHC—Saving Grace Home for Girls—Saving Grace is a nonprofit organization supporting young women 18-25 who have aged out of the foster care system. Our members made carry bags and included a cuddle bunny. The cuddle bunny was so each person receiving the bags could have a belonging that was only theirs.
- Benton County—Vaughn EHC—Saving Grace Home for Girls—The Vaughn EHC adopted the Saving Grace Home. The home is for girls who have aged out of the foster care system, group homes, homeless, and/or dealing with life without a sustaining network of relationships. Each month the members select 1 item to donate for the pantry. At Christmas, gift bags were made and a total of 380 items were taken to the home.
- Carroll County Council—Layettes—The members of the Carroll County Council made over 200 layettes for families who lost an infant by miscarriage. The layettes include caps, blankets, wrap, and tunics. Several members and non-members of the Carroll County EHC donated material, ribbon, and lace to trim the blankets. These were given to Holy Souls to be given to different hospitals in the area.
- Carroll County—Busy Bees EHC—Grandma’s House—The members of Busy Bees EHC learned that Grandma’s House was in need of tote bags and small quilts for children who come to the Children’s Advocacy Center. The club members made 15 bags and quilts. Each bag was stuffed with a toy and a personal hygiene kit.

- Cleburne County Council—Induction Cooking—The Cleburne County Council members provided a free Induction Cooking workshop. Members brought their own induction cooking appliances and demonstrated how to use and why. After the workshop, food was served that had been cooked during the class. The workshop was very beneficial to the members of the community who attended.
- Cleburne County—Good Springs EHC—Margie’s Haven House Donations—The members of Good Springs EHC collected miscellaneous items for donations to Margie’s Haven House. Margie’s Haven House is a safe house in Cleburne County where women and children can go to escape domestic violence. This year’s donations by Good Springs EHC helped 43 women and children.
- Conway County Council—The Safe Place—Conway County Council has spent the last year helping to alleviate some of the day-to-day needs of domestic abuse victims by donating clothes, food, personal hygiene products, and toiletry items. Our members also helped with the annual fundraiser for The Safe Place.
- Conway County—Hilltoppers EHC—The Safe Place—Members of Hilltoppers EHC raised funds throughout the past year and donated to The Safe Place, an emergency shelter that offers child and legal advocacy, assistance with orders of protection, support group community education to include Anti-Bullying and Safe Date classes. The money donated helped provide arts and crafts supplies, food, and playground equipment.
- Conway County—New Horizon EHC—Quilts of Honor—The New Horizon EHC supervised Conway County 4-H’ers in making quilts to honor local veterans. 4-H members helped cut and sew quilt blocks. Once the blocks were completed, an EHC member sewed the blocks together, then they were quilted and bound. 3 quilts have been presented to local veterans.
- Conway County—Oppelo Twilite EHC—After School Backpacks—Oppelo Twilite EHC members were able to collect approximately \$150 worth of food each month for a total of 7 months. The food was donated to the Morrilton Primary School for the After School Backpack program. A couple of times the teachers said they were almost out of food when we delivered. This has been a very rewarding community service project.
- Conway County—Petit Jean Mountain EHC—Restoration of Trinity Luteran Church—Petit Jean Mountain EHC assisted in raising \$500 to help begin to restore the Trinity Luteran Church building that has been in existence since 1886. Petit Jean EHC led the efforts to obtain funding in receiving a matching grant in the amount of \$20,438. The restoration started in June 2015 and will be completed the summer of 2016, marking the 130th anniversary of the church’s construction.
- Crawford County Council—Ronald McDonald House at Mercy Hospital—The Crawford County Council members answered a request from the administrators of the Mercy

Hospital Ronald McDonald House for personal hygiene products for families who need to stay at the house. The EHC members gathered items and made 38 packages for the families who were not expecting to stay so brought nothing with them.

- Crawford County—River Belles EHC—Court Appointed Special Advocates—CASA volunteers work with abused or neglected children who are in the child welfare program. Our club members attended the fundraising activities of CASA and provided cookies for one their parties. We also donated \$100 in memory of one of our deceased members, Margaret Gregory, to help with their annual Christmas party.
- Izard County Council—Baby Changing Station at Fair Building—The Izard County Council members purchased a baby changing station for our Exhibit Building at the Izard County Fairgrounds. It was a much needed item to have for mothers while the participate in events at the building such as the fair, extension workshops, and our annual holiday craft show. It has been well received and has added improvement and function to our county fairgrounds.
- Izard County—GID EHC—Mt. Pleasant Elementary School Supplies—GID EHC purchased items for teachers to use at the Mount Pleasant Elementary School. Items included crayons, pencils, Germ X, wipes to sanitize desks, Kleenex, and a lot of other things needed to take care of 6 year old children.
- Izard County—Red Bud EHC—4-H Cupcake Workshop—Red Bud EHC chose to help our FCS agent present a cupcake decorating workshop for the 4-H Council program. Our members helped by donating funds to buy supplies and volunteering to help with the workshop. The 4-H'ers who participated entered their cupcakes in the Izard County Fair and won ribbons for their efforts.
- Izard County—Zion EHC—The Holiday Show—The Zion EHC have helped all the agencies in Izard County. Our members participate in the annual Craft Holiday Show to help raise funds to be able to help these agencies. Our members work all year and give time, talent, and love to this project.
- Johnson County Council—Spice Up your Life—Spice Up your Life, an educational program designed by members of the Johnson County Council, was given for county residents, high school through adults. The program featured the use of fresh and dried herbs, spices, and flavorings in fast, easy, and healthy recipes. Cooking demonstrations, sample tasting, recipes, herb samples, games, and door prizes were part of the program.
- Johnson County—ReRuns EHC- -Ornament Making Workshop for 4-H'ers—The ReRuns EHC held an ornament-making workshop for county 4-H members. A simple snowman made from bottle caps and a baking soda stuffed snowman were made. Members helped make gift bags to present them. The EHC provided the bottle caps, ribbon, glue, and

popsicle sticks for the ornaments and the socks, baking soda, and other items to make the snowmen.

- Madison County Council—Madison County Fair Pageant—Members of the Madison County Council have been hosting the Fair Pageant for the last 60 years. Our members use any money that is made to pay for the committee projects, and the newly elected Queen is given a college scholarship. This year's scholarship was \$1,000.
- Madison County—Aurora Ladybugs EHC—Meals on Wheels—Our Meals on Wheel program for the elderly depends on volunteers working together and government grants. Our club members collect donations. At the end of the year, the Aurora Ladybugs EHC members have a party and give away a gift basket to people who have donated. We have our meetings at the Madison County Senior Center to be able to volunteer and donate more.
- Madison County—Colbaugh EHC—Lone Star Schoolhouse—The Colbaugh EHC originated at the Lone Star Schoolhouse in 1934. The schoolhouse is now used as a community center. Members of the community are doing maintenance on the building to keep it from becoming in disrepair. Our club members made and hung new curtains. Our contribution was the labor, material, and new curtain rods.
- Newton County Council—High School Senior Scholarship—Giving the opportunity for high school seniors to continue their education was the goal of this year's community service project of the Newton County Council. The 2015 graduating seniors from all 4 county schools were able to apply for 3 scholarships totaling \$900.
- Pope County—London EHC—College Scholarship—The London EHC members gave a scholarship to a graduating senior of Russellville High School who has attended London Elementary School to pay for their books or fees associated with their college expenses. The monies for this are made at the Augsbug Fall Fest held at Zion Lutheran Church each October.
- Pope County—Sunnyfield EHC—Bottled Water for River Valley Hospice Home—Our Sunnyfield EHC members furnish bottled water throughout the year, as needed, to the River Valley Hospice Home Inpatient Center. Also some members choose to randomly drop off water and other products, such as sodas and snacks, to supply the home's hospitality room.
- Sebastian County Council—Jam and Jelly with 4-H Kids—Members of the Sebastian County Council brought their equipment to the Dayton Community Building for a workshop with the county 4-H members. The children were shown how to use the Ball Jam and Jelly machines with the assistance of EHC members. They made strawberry jam and grape jelly to enter into the fair.

- Sebastian County—Excelsior EHC—Donation for CASA children—Our members filled 25 shoeboxes and suitcases with clothing and new toys for the children who are represented by CASA for Christmas. Also, throughout the year, our club donates to the CASA Purple Patch Clothes Closet. We have been able to accumulate and donate approximately \$2,200 worth of clothing and toys for this project.
- Washington County Council—Breastfeeding Cover-Ups—Our council members made beautiful breastfeeding cover-ups for nursing mothers that were donated to the Health Unit's WIC staff. Members donated fabric, sewed, or assisted during workdays held to make the cover-ups. When pregnant mothers or new mothers know they will be provided with a cover-up, they see that breastfeeding in public is not an obstacle when making the decision to breastfeed.
- Washington County—Bethel Grove EHC—Babes in Blankets—The EOA Children's House requested fleece blankets for the many abused and neglected children. Each child is given a blanket to keep as their own. Our club members met at the club building after each member bought enough fabric to make 2 blankets. There was an assembly line set up with cutting, sewing, and folding the finished product. The blankets were then delivered.
- Washington County—Serendipity 59ers EHC—The Fun with Pillowcases—Our fall service project was to make pillowcases for our hospitalized veterans. At our November meeting, we cut out fabric, sewed, serged, turned, poked out the corners, and pressed pillowcases. We also managed to do club business, learn new methods, eat our sack lunches, and enjoy each other's company. 68 pillowcases and 7 wheelchair caddies were donated.
- Yell County Council—Quilt in a Day Meeting and Sewing Class—Our council members enjoyed a presentation by a “Quilt in a Day” representative at our spring council meeting. After the meeting, there was a sewing class. Our EHC members learned some of the newest rules Quilt in a Day has. There was a workshop with members making a lap quilt.
- Yell County—Gum Springs EHC—Saving Our History-Reduced to DVDs—Our EHC has accumulated over 60 years worth of scrapbooks that were deteriorating due to age and paper fragility. Our members took a picture of each page of 52 scrapbooks, being careful to document the beginning and end of each year. These scrapbooks have been reduced to 4 dvds or 1 flash drive. When these are view on a computer, the images can be enlarged for easy reading.
- Yell County—Piece Makers EHC—Quilt and Doll Show—Our club members wanted a venue to show off their accomplishments in quilting. It was decided to have a quilt show. We shared the facility with another club to include a doll show. There were 65 quilts, table runners, and wall hangings for sale along with 357 dolls. Members were asked to write a story about their quilt. This was a very successful 3 days.

- Yell County—Spring Creek EHC—Walker Caddies—Our members chose to provide walker caddies for the Chambers Memorial Hospital Physical Therapy Unit. We made over 50 walker caddies that were presented to the Physical Therapy Unit and 6 walker caddies that were taken to the Mitchell's Nursing Home where 6 of our inactive members reside.