

## 2016-2017 Project Book Summaries

### Delta District

- Arkansas County—Arkansas County Council—Senior Citizens Day at the Fair—Arkansas County Council sponsored Senior Citizens Day at the county fair. Setting aside this day allowed senior citizens to experience the fair with a smaller crowd, plenty of seating, and in daytime hours. The EHC members enjoyed serving the approximately 125 seniors who attended.
- Arkansas County—New Providence/Turley EHC—Bibs for Nursing Home—New Providence/Turley EHC made bibs for the Dewitt Nursing Home. Members enjoyed a day of sewing and fellowship with a potluck lunch. With a budget of \$68 and bias tape, Velcro, and thread donated by members. 48 terry cloth bibs were made.
- Arkansas County—Prairie Gems EHC—Blankets for Kids—13 blankets were made by the Prairie Gems EHC for Dana's House, a home for children. Members met at the Arkansas County Cooperative Extension Service office for a fun day of sewing, fellowship, and a potluck lunch.
- Craighead County—Craighead County Council—100 years of Service—To celebrate our 100-year anniversary, Craighead County Council held a reception to share the contributions EHC have made to the local area. Display boards featured the community service activities of each club. This event also served as a recruitment tool and more than 75 guests attended. Refreshments including finger-type food, an anniversary cake, and punch were provided and served by club members.
- Craighead County—Black Oak/Lake City EHC—Arts, Crafts, and Interaction with Local Nursing Home Residents—Black Oak/Lake City EHC found that many residents of the local nursing home did not have much interaction with the community. Members decided to carry out several craft projects with the residents centered on seasons and holidays. Cards were created for several occasions, and bracelets and Easter items were made.

- Craighead County—Greensboro EHC—Lap Quilts for Disabled Elderly—Greensboro EHC chose to make custom-made lap quilts for the disabled elderly. Members who have never quilted learned what it takes to put a quilt together with love for others. Members quilted for several days and made a total of 30 lap quilts. Some were taken to a nursing home and some to Life Healthcare Day Place.
- Craighead County—Oak Grove EHC—Dog Beds for NEA Humane Society—When it became known that the Northeast Arkansas Humane Society in Jonesboro had rescued more than 50 dogs from another county, Oak Grove EHC members reached out to see how they could help. Their need was for dog beds. After 2 sewing workshops, 30 dog beds were completed and delivered.
- Craighead County—Opportunity EHC—Helping Neighbors Food Pantry—Opportunity EHC chose to donate nonperishable food items to the Jonesboro-based Helping Neighbors Food Pantry because hunger is such an ongoing problem in Craighead County. The club donated 414 pounds of nonperishable food and was instrumental in helping to feed the needy in the community.
- Craighead County—Pleasant Grove EHC—Door Decorations and Lap Covers—Pleasant Grove EHC members wanted to honor men and women veterans for their many years of service. Patriotic door decorations were made and given to veterans living at St. Elizabeth's Place and Craighead Nursing Center. 21 patriotic lap covers were completed and presented to veterans.
- Craighead County—West Mart EHC—Beck Pride Center at ASU—Beck Pride Center at Arkansas State University is an innovative program providing rehabilitation, social re-integration, and educational preparation for combat-wounded veterans in a university environment. The West Mart EHC chose this center as their community service project. Members decided to bring school supplies and snack food items during the year for the lounge where veterans quickly visit to study or socialize between classes. We also filled Christmas stockings with

candy and school supplies for children of the veterans. A Quilt of Valor was donated to one of the veterans.

- Drew County—Town and Country Quilters EHC—Quilts and Pillows—Town and Country Quilters EHC created an Underground Railroad quilt and made a presentation about the project at the Monticello Senior Center and Drew County Fair. We also sewed 20 port pillows for cancer patients at Drew Memorial Hospital and quilts for a local children's home.
- Drew County—Southside EHC—Advantages II--Southside EHC worked with Advantages Discovery Center in Monticello, a center that assists adults with special needs. Club members stuffed Christmas stockings for the Christmas party, assisted with 2 art classes, and entered their artwork in the county fair.
- Jackson County—South Tuckerman EHC—Adult Bibs—Making adult bibs for the residents of the Tuckerman Assisted Living Facility was the way the South Tuckerman EHC felt they could help meet the needs of the community. We made 12 adult bibs and donated them to the residents. Our mission is to improve the lives of those in our community, and we feel we are doing our best to make it happen!
- Jefferson County—Jefferson County Council—Holiday Foods Show—Jefferson County Council members presented a holiday food show “A Taste of the Holidays” to the public. Members demonstrated recipes or showed their completed dishes. A tasting followed. Approximately 200 people attended, including EHC members and FCS agents from 10 counties. We considered this a beneficial community service project which involves leadership development and nutrition education.
- Jefferson County—Heart-N-Hands EHC—Hair Care at Davis Life Care Center—Heart-N-Hands EHC members assisted Davis Live Care Center by donating \$210 to help needy residents receive hair care and shaves. In addition, visits were made, and handcrafted cards were sent to some of the residents.

- Jefferson County—Willing Workers of White Hall EHC—Cot Sheets for UAMS—Willing Workers of White Hall EHC was contacted by a representative of the UAMS KIDS FIRST day care in Pine Bluff and was asked to make kids cot sheets. We gathered old sheets, purchased fabric, and cut out 50 sheets. We had several workshops, completed 50 sheets, and delivered them.
- Lincoln County—Lincoln County Council—AARP Smart Driver Course—To give back to their community, the Lincoln County Council sponsored the AARP Smart Driver Course for drivers 50 and older. This course is designed to teach senior drivers current rules of the road and defensive driving techniques. To help make the time more conducive to learning, the Lincoln County Council provided morning refreshments and lunch for all participants. 46 participants completed the course.
- Lonoke County—The Quilters of Lonoke EHC—A Skirt for Work—Quilters of Lonoke EHC chose to support Lonoke County Safe Haven, which provides a safe place to recover from the trauma of domestic violence, by making skirts and scarves. 76 skirts and several coordinating scarves were completed and donated. A variety of skirts were made for Safe Haven clients' use as they rebuild their lives.
- Poinsett County—Lucky 13 EHC—Bibs for Seniors—Lucky 13 EHC members held 2 workshops and made 81 bibs for our “Bibs for Seniors” project for Woodbriar Nursing Home in Harrisburg. Seeing the smiles on the residents' faces was enough for our time and effort.
- Prairie County—Prairie County Council—Answering the Call—Answering the Call was chosen as the community service project of the Prairie County Council. The Call is a ministry for children in foster care. Each club in the county participated by collecting diapers and clothes and providing summer gift baskets for foster families.
- Prairie County—Biscoe EHC—Sewing Seeds of Kindness—Biscoe EHC chose “Sowing Seeds of Kindness” love boxes as their community service project. Members brought canned goods, food, household, and helpful items, reading material, etc. to monthly meetings to fill boxes to

be delivered to neighbors in need who are sick, lonely, bereaved, or home bound. As part of this project, the club made “In Memory” donations for several in our community and fruit baskets for others.

- Prairie County—Busy Hands EHC—Honoring our Community Veterans in Local Cemetery—Busy Hands EHC decided to document the history of the oldest veteran grave that we could find information on. After researching our Civil War veterans, information was gathered on a veteran who had been a lifelong EHC member. Flags were placed in the cemetery and a scrapbook was made and will be displayed at the post office. Additional veterans will be featured as information becomes available.
- Prairie County—Idlewild EHC—Helping Our Children—Idlewild EHC chose “Helping our Children” as our project because our children are one of the most important things that are dear to our hearts. We set up a table at the school fair and distributed all types of school supplies to anyone who needed them for going back to school. We also conducted a “stuff the bus” program, collected kid-friendly foods, and filled 35 backpacks each weekend with food that was sent home with children who we knew needed it.
- Prairie County—Oak Prairie EHC—Lending a Helping Hand—Oak Prairie EHC chose to collect and donate canned goods and nonperishable staples for the Prairie County Food Pantry. By lending a helping hand, we accumulated almost 250 pounds of canned food items and other staples. It is the goal of our club to lend a helping hand and to share with those less fortunate than ourselves.
- Randolph County—Randolph County Council—Monthly Birthday Parties at Nursing Home—Randolph Home is a county operated and owned nursing home. The Randolph County Council has a birthday party each month honoring residents at the nursing home. They provide cards, cake, and punch. Residents look forward to the parties. Everyone sings Happy Birthday and claps when the cards are presented.

Residents enjoy the cake and punch, and the people with birthdays are happy to be recognized.

- St. Francis County—Ties that Bind EHC—Quilts of Valor—The project of making “Quilts of Valor” for veterans of foreign wars was chosen because we feel our veterans have been overlooked. We made 20 Quilts of Valor this year. We have followed the national regulations in making and presenting the quilts in ceremonies to local veterans.
- White County—White County Council—Display Case at White County Regional Library—White County Council chose to use the display case at the library to promote the EHC of White County and spotlight some of the things the clubs do. The objective is to reach young homemakers by showing what we have to offer in the way of research-based education, practical experience, and shared knowledge. We also wanted to dispel the misconception that EHC is only about sewing and cooking.
- White County—Bald Knob EHC—Book Bags for Head Start Students—Bald Knob EHC decided to make book bags for Head Start programs in White County. We made 40 bags each for Bald Knob, Kensett, Searcy, Beebe, and Heber Springs Head Start students. This project gives each child a bag to take their library books home in.
- White County—El Paso EHC—Sew Knit Together—Team “Sew Knit Together” is the project of the El Paso EHC. Members held 10 workshops and made 299 teaching dolls, 218 hand-knitted or crocheted hats, 80 holiday lap robes/blankets, and 165 pillows for patients at Arkansas Children's Hospital. They also donated and purchased toys and books as gifts for patients during the holidays.
- White County—Floyd EHC—Feed the Firefighters—Firefighters with the Floyd-Romance Volunteer Fire Department are dedicated to assisting those in need in our community. They participate in training on the first and third Thursday of each month, and many of them attend training immediately after work. The Floyd EHC served a hot meal on the third Thursday of each month to show our appreciation for their service to our

community. The firefighters do not get paid for their hard work. Providing a hot meal is the least we can do to thank them for their service.

- White County—Little Indian Creek EHC—Quilts of Honor for Arkansas Veterans—Little Indian Creek EHC decided to make Quilts of Honor for Arkansas Veterans. Each quilt was pieced and bound by the club members. It is required to have a label on it that has the name of the honored soldier and the group or individual who made the quilt. Club members donated scraps of fabric and used small pieces to make the red, white, and blue colored tops.
- White County—Searcy EHC—Fiddler's Aprons for Dementia Patients—Searcy EHC began making fiddler's aprons for dementia patients at the request of Searcy Healthcare Center. We identified the specific needs that the center requested, then provided 5 aprons to fulfill those needs. The purpose of the apron is to keep their dementia patients' hands busy. Each apron is unique and is made with bright colors. One was made with camouflage fabric.
- White County—U-Neek EHC—Blankets for Homeless—U-Neek EHC decided to make blankets for the homeless as our project. Members met for a workshop and completed 2 blankets and divided up the remaining fleece for members to take home and complete. This project served 8 homeless people in the community. The work our members did provided warm covering for homeless people on chilly winter nights.

#### Ouachita District

- Bradley County—Bradley County Council—All Tomato Luncheon—EHC members honored Mrs. Jean Frisby, who hosted the first luncheon at the Bradley County Pink Tomato community. Members met, planned the menu, which included tomatoes in each dish, decorated, cooked, and with the help of the Hermitage 4-H club members, served the meal.
- Bradley County—Bradley Block Builders EHC—Quilt Club Library Quilt—Bradley Block Builders Quilt Club was approached by the county librarian requesting help in raising funds for much-needed display

carrels. The club members designed a quilt block, and each member made 1 or more squares to depict books on shelves. The quilt was quilted, and members hand-stitched the binding. It was presented to the library board members and hung in the library. Proceeds from purchased tickets and an anonymous contribution earned over \$1,200, enabling the library to purchase 2 display carrels.

- Calhoun County—Calhoun County Council—A Time to Remember—The Calhoun County Council chose to show support and appreciation to our veterans. All clubs participated in workshops to sew lap robes and stuff pillows. 75 lap robes and 45 pillows were completed. These were displayed at the Veterans Day celebration and handed out to more than 100 veterans and their family members.
- Calhoun County—Artesian EHC—4-H Christmas Crafts—Artesian EHC assisted by Needle Art. EHC developed 20 craft kits to be used in a 2 day 4-H workshop. Crafts were to be used as Christmas gifts and exhibited in the county fair. This project was selected to develop and build upon the creative skills of the youth.
- Calhoun County—Knitting EHC—Knitting Preemie Caps—Knitting EHC along with members of Needle Art EHC and Thornton EHC held workshops and completed 188 preemie caps for Arkansas Children's Hospital.
- Calhoun County—Needle Art EHC—Lap Robes for Nursing Home—In response to a request for lap robes for patients of 2 facilities, the Needle Art EHC, with the help of members from other local clubs, held workshops to make the lap robes and completed 105.
- Calhoun County—Smart Belles EHC—Baby Blankets—Smart Belles EHC held a one-day workshop with members of other clubs attending and completing 29 blankets for newborns at Arkansas Children's Hospital.
- Calhoun County—Thornton EHC—County Fair—When the FCS agent in Calhoun County retired before the county fair in 2015, responsibility for the Home Economics Educational Building was given to EHC. Thornton



EHC and members of other clubs provided training for volunteers, superintendents of the different divisions, prepared the exhibit building, assisted exhibitors with entering items, and transported exhibit items to the Southeast District Fair.

- Cleveland County—Friendship EHC—Senior Center U.S. Flag Dedication—Friendship EHC chose Cleveland County Senior Center United States Flag Dedication as their project. The club donated a United States flag and pole that the Senior Center can be proud to display and use at all functions. We were successful in renewing their pride and honor in our United States flag by presenting a program on flag history and etiquette.
- Cleveland County—New Home EHC—Pillowcase Dresses—New Home EHC chose pillowcase dresses for their project. A workday was held, and 25 pillowcase dresses were completed for children in the Philippine Islands with very few clothes. The dresses were boxed and mailed.
- Cleveland County—Y EHC—Teaching Dolls for Children’s Hospital—Y EHC chose teaching dolls for ACH as their project. The dolls were made for children who will experience surgery. Several workshops were held during the year, and some members also worked on them from their homes. The dolls were delivered to ACH on November 11, 2016.
- Garland County—Garland County Council—Aid to Senior Centers—Garland County Council chose to donate canned and nonperishable food items and personal hygiene items to the Area Agency on Aging and warm socks for senior citizens in Hospice Home Care in Hot Springs. Members collected these items and brought them to the Holiday Council meeting where they were presented to representatives of the 2 agencies.
- Garland County—Crazy Quilters EHC—Relay for Life Quilts—Crazy Quilters EHC raised funds for the American Cancer Society by making 2 Razorback-themed quilts and selling raffle tickets. The total ticket sales of \$1,801 was given as part of Garland County Council’s donation of \$4,596.60.

- Garland County—Loyal Ladies EHC—Scholarships for Nurses—Loyal Ladies EHC sponsors 2 scholarships at our local National Park College, 1 for tuition and 1 for testing fee for graduates. We chose this in memory of Paula Chandler, who had been a member of our club for over 15 years. She was highly active in our club and county organization. When Mrs. Chandler died, she left a sum of money to our club. Part of that money was used to fund scholarships in the first year. We hold an annual yard sale and have raised enough money to fund the scholarships so that the remainder of Mrs. Chandler's donation stays in our account as a buffer for leaner years. We have members who serve on the scholarship selection committee and then make presentations at the college.
- Garland County—Park/Heights EHC—Lap Robes for Veterans—Park/Heights EHC decided to honor our veterans this year to show appreciation for all they have done for us. We made lap robes for the veterans. We honor and thank them so much. The lap robes were delivered to Little Rock.
- Grant County—Grant County Council—4-H Sew with Cotton Workshop—Grant County Council sponsored a Sew with Cotton Workshop for 4-H members. 8 youth assisted in material selection, pattern layout, cutting, sewing machine basics, sewing, and modeling the aprons. Finished aprons were judged for the Farm Bureau Sew with Cotton contest. 4-H members also modeled their aprons at the annual Farm Bureau meeting and were awarded prizes. The aprons were also entered in the Grant County Fair.
- Hot Spring County—Hot Spring County Council—Cot Sheets for CADC—Hot Spring County Council made 146 cot sheets upon request from CADC. We worked in an assembly line form and worked 1 day a week for 7 weeks (about 1 and a half months) to complete this project. CADC furnished the fabric and elastic for 120 sheets, and we did the last 26 sheets so they would have enough for every client. This project saves the CADC \$1,512 on 146 cot sheets.

- Hot Spring County—Gifford EHC—Helping the Homeless—Gifford EHC made 100 bags for the homeless shelter and filled them with items collected from businesses around town. This was rewarding to see the faces light up knowing that others wanted to help them. The club also made and filled 100 bags for the First United Methodist Church that will be used to feed the hungry.
- Little River County—Arden EHC—Compassion Around the Globe—Arden EHC adopted a project entitled “Compassion Around the Globe” by loving children in time of crisis, sickness, poverty, and war zones with 148 gifts and providing quilts and stuffed animals for domestic violence shelters, warm hats for Arkansas Children’s Hospital and Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes filled with compassion, prayers, and love.
- Montgomery County—Montgomery County Council—Operation Santa Clause—Operation Santa Clause is one of the most popular projects sponsored by the Montgomery County Council. Forms are taken to school counselors in October, who then give them to children in need. Their parents fill out the forms with age, size of clothes, and what kinds of toy they would like. Members, local individuals, businesses, and churches adopt these children. Every child is always adopted. Some will take an entire family. Gifts are brought to the Extension building and placed in Santa bags. Families pick up their packages. They are also given a gift certificate to a local grocery store and many additional gifts that donations from local residents and businesses help us buy. This year, 260 children had a good Christmas because of this project.
- Montgomery County—Yarn Workers EHC—Holiday Give-Away—Yarn Workers EHC made knitted and crocheted caps and scarves all year to get ready for their Holiday Give-Away at Christmas. Approximately 200 caps and 75 scarves were delivered to students at Oden Elementary School in the Oden community. Approximately 50 caps, some scarves, and some lap robes were also given away to the Food Pantry’s Christmas Blessing project, the EHC Operation Santa Clause project, the community health clinic, and the assisted living home.

- Ouachita County—Friendly Neighbors EHC—Volunteer Workes Make the World go Round—Projects this year included donating various items to the women’s crisis center, volunteering at Union Grove Center, and working at the Autumn Market. We also helped prepare meals to serve to raise scholarships for students pursuing careers in agriculture or family and consumer sciences. We enjoyed our project titled “Volunteer Workers make the World go Round”
- Ouachita County—Nite Birds EHC—American Flags for Veterans in Cemeteries—Nite Bird EHC chose to place American flags on gravesites of our veterans in selected local cemeteries on major military holidays. The first event was on Veteran’s Day. Flags were placed on gravesites at Mt. Horeb Cemetery in Frenchport. The second event was on Memorial Day. Flags were placed at Bluff City Cemetery in Bluff City. The 3<sup>rd</sup> event was in June for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Union Cemetery in Camden was the cemetery chosen to honor the local fallen veterans on that day.
- Ouachita County—Maul EHC—Christmas Bags for Camden Housing Authority Residents—Maul EHC decided to deliver Christmas bags to the elderly, handicapped, low-income residents of the local public housing agency. Many have no family and live alone. Bags were made for 10 female and 2 male residents and contained items such as fleece throws, warm socks, scarves, personal items, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, and candy or fruit. The bags were delivered with holiday cheer in December.
- Pike County—Pike County Council—Quillows and Things for DHS—This year Pike County Council decided to make quillows so children who must be taken from their home by DHS would have a personal quilt in their new home. A total of 21 quillows were completed for this project. All the clubs collected items such as clothing for babies through teenagers; grooming items, baby items, and other items such as toys to help make the transition from a troubled home to a foster home more comfortable.

- Pike County—Diamondettes EHC—Cozy Toes for Seniors—Diamondettes EHC chose to give socks and caps to Murfreesboro Nursing Home residents. The club members saw a need in the nursing home for the men and women who live there to feel warm, loved, and appreciated. Each member collected caps and socks to give, and additional ones were purchased to make sure no one was left out.
- Pike County—Pisgah EHC—Presents for Seniors—Pisgah EHC continued its first love of sewing by making pillowcases to brighten the rooms and beds of senior citizens of Murfreesboro Nursing Home. Members decided to make at least 1 pillowcase for each resident but did not stop until they had made 2 for each, resulting in 84 cases being made. They also made 10 wheelchair caddies, 17 walker caddies, and 9 lap throws for the comfort and convenience of the senior citizens and Valentines for their special day.
- Pike County—Sweet Home EHC—Quilts to Encourage Foster Children—Foster children are special children. Sad to say, they need love and care that their parents cannot or often will not give to them. The Sweet Home EHC decided to do something to help these children know that someone cares about them. We cut strips and blocks for 2 very colorful quilts to give to DHS in Murfreesboro. Another member hand-quilted these quilts. As we cut and sewed the strips for these quilts, we put our love into each one.
- Polk County—Polk County Council—The Sidewalk Project—The Sidewalk Project was a countywide effort by Polk County Council. Members held rummage and bake sales, donation buckets were set up at the fair, various community groups made donations, and a handmade king-sized quilt was raffled off. This project provided a safe walkway from the back parking lot to the front door of the Education Building at the county fairgrounds.
- Pulaski County—North Pulaski EHC---Lives that Matter—After taking a field trip to a nonprofit pregnancy center in Cabot, the North Pulaski EHC decided to help with supplies at the facility. Some items donated

were crocheted Afghans, baby blankets, bibs, knitted or crocheted bootie/hat sets, burp cloths, changing pads, outfits, baby lotions, shampoo, and personal items for the mothers. The big item being diapers.

- Saline County—Dabblers EHC—Sewing for CARTI—Dabblers EHC discovered there was a need for crocheted hats, knitted hats, along with breast comfort pillows and port pillows for patients at CARTI. We gathered materials and had several sewing days to complete several crocheted hats, beanie knit hats, breast comfort pillows, and port pillows to help ease the pain and provide comfort to patients during their treatment at CARTI.
- Saline County—Paron Heritage Skills EHC—Quilt of Valor—Paron Heritage Skills EHC was privileged to work with the Quilt of Valor program. We constructed and presented a quilt to a local veteran who served his country well to protect our freedom. We put together an appreciation dinner for the veterans of the community and their families on Veterans Day and presented the quilt to a veteran who was in attendance.
- Scott County—Scott County Council—Feeding the Employees—To show our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of employees of Waldron Nursing Home and Mercy Hospital, Scott County Council prepared a meal for the 50 employees. There was enough food to feed all departments plus the evening and night shifts. Another benefit of this meal is the public relations that it gives to EHC, reminding those in the county that we are an active, vital organization.
- Scott County—Busy Hands EHC—Veterans Quilt—Busy Hands EHC members decided to honor one of Scott County's oldest World War II Veterans for his service to our country by making a quilt to honor him. Members chose a patriotic pattern and fabric. Blocks were cut out and distributed to members, pieced, set, and quilted. The quilt was presented to Scott County veteran Ray Rice.

- Scott County—Dutch Creek Valley EHC—Training our Youth for Tomorrow—Dutch Creek Valley EHC implemented the project “Training our Youth for Tomorrow.” We spent the year tutoring the young women in our community about parliamentary procedure, cooking, sewing, crocheting, cross-stitching, spinning, recycled object upscaling, and myriad tips, tricks, and household hints. We allowed them to be directly involved in the intake and judging process in the home economics division of the Scott County Fair.
- Scott County—Good Neighbors EHC—Stuff the Bus—Stuff the Buss project was chosen by Good Neighbors EHC to make a much-needed contribution to Scott County schoolchildren for their regular school supplies. The supply drive was held in front of the Waldron Wal-Mart store. This helped provide needed supplies for local Waldron students for the school year.
- Scott County—Pleasant Hill EHC—Coffee for Cancer—Coffee for Cancer was chosen to honor Mrs. Lorene May. Mrs. May held her first Coffee for Cancer in 2002. She passed away at the age of 100 in 2013. The coffee, tea, and homemade refreshments were furnished by club members, family, friends, and the American Cancer representatives for the residents of Waldron. The residents generously donated to the Coffee for Cancer fund.
- Scott County—Scrap Pack EHC—Pop Tabs--Scrap Pack EHC chose Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House at Mercy Hospital Fort Smith as their project. The Ronald McDonald House is a place where parents of children in the NICU or pediatric patients can go relax. A collection point was set up at Waldron City Offices and another at St. Jude’s Catholic Church. All the Scott County EHC helped with this project. 4 trips were made to deliver the tabs.
- Sevier County—Sevier County Council—Angel Christmas Gifts—Sevier County council members purchased and wrapped Christmas gifts for 8 needy children by choosing angels off a Christmas tree at Bear Bank. Members went as a team, shopped at local businesses, and purchased

clothes, shoes, and toys for each child. Money used for this project was made by selling crafts at Hoo Rah Days in De Queen, Arkansas. We chose items suitable for a variety of genders and ages of children. The gifts were then wrapped and taken to Bear Bank. The children received very nice gifts to make their Christmas a joyful one.

- Sevier County—Gillham EHC—Keep Arkansas Beautiful—Gillham EHC participated in Keep Arkansas Beautiful along with the Gillham Tigers 4-H club. These clubs chose a mile of Tower Road in Gillham and spent an afternoon picking up trash and debris. The road looked so much better with all the trash and debris picked up. The trash was taken to a local trash drop-off location. Members decided to make teaching dolls for the ACH. The dolls are made with solid-colored fabric and are drawn on by the doctors at ACH to help the children understand more about their surgery. There were 388 dolls made and donated. Pulaski County EHC members bought supplies, cut patterns, and stuffed dolls.

### Ozark District

- Benton County—Benton County Council—Scholarship for 4-H members—To recognize and assist Benton County 4-H graduates entering college or trade school, Benton County Council established a scholarship fund. The total proceeds from the Country Store at the fair, a silent auction, and memorial donations made it possible to award 2 \$1,500 scholarships. 85 volunteers contributed to this project.
- Benton County—Bella Vista EHC—Audrey's Home of Hope—Audrey's Home of Hope is a nonprofit association that gives a temporary home and other assistance to pregnant mothers in crisis. Bella Vista EHC donated 10 bags of clothing and accessory items to Audrey's resale boutique. Club members also made 10 baskets with items for mother and baby for each family, shopped at the resale store, and encouraged others to shop there also.
- Benton County—Evening Star EHC—Rogers Animal Shelter—All 12 members of the Evening Star EHC participated in providing pet food



along with bedding, etc. To be used in the Rogers animal shelter.

Members also made the community aware of the spay/neuter program at the shelter.

- Benton County—Highfill EHC—Tote Bags for NWA Arkansas Children's Shelter—10 members of Highfill EHC made 42 tote bags and delivered them to the NWA Arkansas Children's Shelter. They are used as school bags and also for the children to put their personal items in when they leave the shelter.
- Benton County—New Meadowbrook EHC—NWA Arkansas Children's Shelter Gifts—New Meadowbrook EHC made Christmas presents for the children of NWA Children's Shelter in Vaughn, Arkansas. The children enter the center without anything to call their own. Members provided 52 stuffed bears for the children living in the shelter and delivered the gifts on December 9, 2015.
- Benton County—Vaughn EHC—Saving Grace Home for Girls—Vaughn EHC adopted Saving Grace, a home for girls who have aged out of the welfare system. All members contributed to this project by buying items for the pantry. Members contributed 436 items and also provided Christmas gift bags for each girl.
- Carroll County—Busy Bee EHC—Lap Robes, Bibs, and Pillows—Busy Bee EHC made 27 lap robes, 27 pillows, and 16 bibs. 2 ladies donated 3 afghans for the Autumn Hill Nursing Home in Berryville, Arkansas. Members made a fair booth at the county fair showing what they had done for the nursing home.
- Carroll County—Country Chicks EHC—Christmas Gifts Galore—Christmas Gifts Galore was sponsored by Country Chicks EHC. Admission was canned food, pet food/supplies, or new/gently used clothing items. The items collected went to Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, Good Shepherd Humane Society, and local schools. Profit from booth rental was used to teach members of the County Drug Court Program how to cook a holiday meal.

- Carroll County—Domestic Divas EHC—Tray Favors for Meals on Wheels—Domestic Divas EHC made approximately 85 favors for all holidays to go on tray for Meals on Wheels. Members did these after their club meetings. The favors put a little cheer in recipients' lives.
- Cleburne County—Cleburne County Council—Beauty Inside and Out—Cleburne County Council presented Beauty Inside and Out to EHC members and the public. Given the demography of our members and surrounding community, our council decided to present this to refute false expectations of beauty and provide options for budget-friendly dressing. 13 attendees expressed appreciation for the class and inquired about other activities.
- Cleburne County—Good Springs EHC—Margie's Haven House—Good Springs EHC chose Margie's Haven House as our community service project. Margie's Haven House is a safe house where women and children go to escape from domestic violence. 8 members brought items such as trash bags and cleaning supplies and hygiene supplies valued at \$820.29 to monthly club meetings. This effort helped 27 women and children.
- Cleburne County—Seven Springs EHC—Women Helping Women—Women Helping Women came about when the hearts of Seven Springs EHC members were stirred to meet the needs of hurting women upon learning of a budget cut at a women's shelter. Our goal was to donate items we could afford to help women who had nothing. We have donated many common everyday articles needed to run a household.
- Cleburne County—Today's Homemakers EHC—Recycling Benefits All of Us—Members of Today's Homemakers EHC increased awareness and participation in collecting and transporting acceptable recyclable items in the Heber Springs area. We collected aluminum cans, cardboard, mixed paper, newspapers, plastic bottles, clothing, and textile materials. Money collected from the aluminum cans was added to our club's charitable donation fund.

- Conway County—Birdtown EHC—Little Hawks Readers—Birdtown EHC believes that if children have the opportunity to learn to read, this can open up the world to them. Members donated children's storybooks to the Nemo Vista Preschool.
- Conway County—Hilltoppers EHC—Conway County 4-H Clubs—Hilltoppers EHC chose Conway County 4-H as their project because they believe in the future and promise of 4-H in Conway County. EHC members successfully mentored and taught many 4-H members. We chose 2 fun, hands-on, educational crafts to share with them—card making and cake decorating. They completed 2 cards and learned the basics of cupcake decorating.
- Conway County—Oppelo Twilite EHC—Bingo Prizes for T.C. Vaughan Senior Adult Center—Funding for the T.C. Vaughan Senior Center was short. Oppelo Twilite EHC decided to adopt the center to hopefully keep the bingo games going. With all the members participating, prizes worth approximately \$600 were collected and delivered. We concentrated on snacks, cereal, oatmeal, and candy because they enjoy getting food items.
- Conway County—Petit Jean EHC—Camp Mitchell Sustainable Farming—Petit Jean EHC donated money to the Agri-Farming Project to purchase an incubator for starting chicken production. That led to camp kids experiencing growing their own food. The club and local community came together to sponsor a Beans and Things Fundraiser with a dessert auction. All money raised and donated totaled \$1,200. Chef Adam was able to purchase many new kitchen items.
- Crawford County—River Belles EHC—Little Dresses for Africa—River Belles EHC made 103 pillowcase dresses, 35 pads out of flannel and purchased 96 pairs of new panties for young girls in Africa as well as other countries.
- Crawford County—Uniontown EHC—Totes for Tots, Children, and Teens—All active members of Uniontown EHC participated in making 95 bags, totes, and backpacks. Members included toiletries and stuffed

toys in each. These were presented to DHS for those rescued without time to pack their personal items.

- Izard County—Izard County Council—Stove for Fair Exhibit Building—Izard County Council purchased a stove for the Izard County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building to help with cooking classes and 4-H classes given at the fairgrounds. We felt it would improve the building and help make teaching food preservation and cooking classes much easier and quicker for teachers and students. Our county agent was very pleased with the donation.
- Izard County—Franklin County—Project Comfort Bears—Franklin EHC's Project Comfort Bears provided more than 100 small, hand-crafted cloth bears to the Izard County Sheriff's Department for distribution to young, traumatized children encountered by the officers. Another 80 bears were given to the Izard County Health Department for frightened children undergoing treatment.
- Izard County—GID EHC—Safety Equipment for Fire Department—Members of GID EHC purchased goggles and helmets. These were presented to the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department to assist in fighting grass fires and brush fires in a safe and secure manner.
- Izard County—Redbud EHC—Melbourne Elementary School—Many children lack needed supplies on the first day of school. Redbud EHC decided to collect and donate pencils, paper, erasers, glue, and other items to the local school. In November, we also donated caps, scarves, gloves, socks, and underwear to the local elementary school.
- Izard County—Zion EHC—Household Emergency Binders—Zion EHC wanted to prepare themselves, their neighbors, and community to be ready for any future catastrophes. Members downloaded printed forms and outlines to make Household Emergency Binders. The Izard County Office of Emergency Management furnished additional material. Our educational booth at the county fair on this subject reached out to a large audience.

- Johnson County—ReRuns EHC—Christmas Gifts/Birch Tree Residents—ReRuns EHC presented Christmas gifts to Birch Tree residents. Birch Tree is a halfway house for mentally challenged adults. Club members brought many different items and put them in decorated paper sacks. They combined their club Christmas party with the workshop to stuff and deliver the gift bags.
- Madison County—Farmers and Charmers EHC—Feeding your Family on a Budget—Due to so many school-aged children being on free or reduced lunches, Farmers & Charmers EHC created a cookbook, “Feeding your Family on a Budget”, that would help families by providing economical recipes. 75 cookbooks were created, printed, and given out at the county fair. By the second day, more were needed. An additional 75 cookbooks were printed and also given out at the fair. Requests are still being received, and more books have been printed.
- Madison County—Whitener EHC—Meals on Wheels Thrift Store-- Whitener EHC cares about the people of Madison County. The Meals on Wheels Thrift Store was created to provide help. The thrift store also helps the senior centers, so EHC programs can be presented. Members volunteered for 1,256 hours.
- Newton County—Newton County Council—Angel Works EHC Spring Luncheon—Newton County Council chose Angel Works, a community program that helps adults with special needs, as their project. Members sponsored an Angel Works Spring Luncheon with members selling tickets, providing food for the luncheon, making flyers, and helping with a silent auction. Newton County Council donated \$780 to Angel Works.
- Pope County—Sunnyfield EHC—Furnished bottled Water for Hospice Home—Furnishing bottled water for the River Valley Home inpatient facility for use by families, staff, visitors, and patients in their hospitality room was the community service project for the Sunnyfield EHC for 2016. This was a very rewarding project for our club and is our way of giving back to the community.

- Searcy County—Oxley EHC—Fighting Hunger—Oxley EHC chose to fight hunger by supporting the Leslie United Methodist Church's Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry. Twice a year we sponsor a bingo night fundraiser to support this community project and others. We provided the food pantry over 1,899 pounds of food and supplies, set up the certification for them to buy bread at a nominal price, donated \$100 to help pay for milk, and provided a new sign.
- Sebastian County—Sebastian County Council—Care Packages for Service Men and Women—Sebastian County Council has sent more than 50 packages to our troops overseas. These packages included toothbrushes, toothpaste, phone cards, greeting cards, and hard candy. This has been a blessing for all of our members.
- Sebastian County—Central EHC—Heart Pillows—Central EHC made heart pillows for cancer patients. Around 20 members met monthly to make the pillows using donated fabric and stuffing. Approximately 40 pillows are donated each month for cancer patients at Mercy Hospital in Fort Smith.
- Sebastian County—Excelsior EHC—Cot Sheets for Day Cares—20 members of Excelsior EHC donated material and made 93 cot sheets for Lincoln Child Care Center and 34 cot sheets for the UAMS KIDS FIRST day care. These sheets are used on cots when children take naps.
- Sharp County—Hardy Country Ladies EHC—Santa Project at Cherokee Village Elementary—Cherokee Village Elementary students in grades 1 through 4 were treated to an early Christmas on December 18, 2015 by the Hardy Country Ladies EHC. First grade students were able to meet with Santa, Mrs. Santa, and elves who gave the students gift bags. Santa then visited 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and left gift bags for each student. A total of 610 students met with Santa and received gift bags.
- Washington County—Bethel Grove EHC—African Sewing Project for Single Moms—Bethel Grove EHC were asked to go to Ester's House orphanage in Malawi, Africa to teach sewing skills to 5 single mothers from different villages and the in-house seamstresses. 2 members

agreed to go. Other members cut out patterns and made a “how-to” video. The club spent 671 hours, and with outside donations, spent \$5,100 on machines and supplies needed for the start of this program and airfare for 2.

- Washington County—Serendipity 59ers EHC—Cot Sheets for Pre-K Program—Springdale Public Schools Pre-K program notified us they had 1,030 sheets for little cots that were wearing out. The Serendipity 59ers EHC accepted the challenge. We made 36 sheets and will make more.
- Yell County—Yell County Council—Pack a Purse—Yell County Council was looking for a program that would help our community. We decided to find a way to assist women at a women’s shelter in our area. We decided to have a “Pack a Purse” project at our Spring Council meeting. Each member filled a purse with personal items including comb, brush, lotion, socks, and other items that would be useful to the women.
- Yell County—Spring Creek EHC—Caps for Children’s Hospital—Spring Creek EHC chose the caps for ACH as their community service project. The hospital requests caps annually from the club. The caps are used by patients who have cancer and by newborns. We delivered 30 caps to the hospital in December 2015.