

2018-2019 Project Book Summaries

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- Arkansas County—Arkansas County Council—ACH—Arkansas County Council have helped make difference in the lives of ACH patients' lives by donating crocheted hats. Members and guests made approximately 100 hats and donated them. All yarn was donated.
- Arkansas County—New Providence/Turley EHC—Senior Citizens Day at Arkansas County Fair—The New Providence/Turley EHC sponsored the Senior Citizens Day activities at the Arkansas County Fair. They registered seniors for door prizes which are furnished by local businesses. They served sandwiches, homemade cookies, soft drinks, and other kinds of sweets. Members enjoyed serving the approximately 100 seniors who attended.
- Arkansas County—Prairie Gems EHC—Blankets for Kids—24 blankets were made for Dana's House (a home for children) by the Prairie Gems EHC. Members met at the Extension office for a fun day of sewing, fellowship, and potluck lunch.
- Craighead County—Craighead County Council—Funding Scholarships— The Craighead County Council has been funding scholarships since 2001. They hosted a 2018 Red Bean and Rice/White Bean Day. They sold tickets as well as prepared and served Red Beans and rice or white beans along with cornbread, dessert, and a drink. They were able to award a \$1,000 scholarship to ASU in Jonesboro.
- Craighead County—Black Oak/Lake City EHC—Teddy Bears for Kids who Need an Ambulance Ride—The Black Oak/Lake City EHC chose to make small teddy bears and collect small stuffed animals to give to the Lake City Medic One Ambulance Service as their community service project. They cut, sewed, stuffed, and decorated the teddy bears. Along with some donated stuffed toys, the club was able to donate 74 stuffed animals to the Medic One Ambulance Service in Lake City.

- Craighead County—Oak Grove EHC—Puzzle Pillows—The Oak Grove EHC took on a special project for Lebonheur Children’s Hospital. They requested some puzzle pillows, which are used by patients to help them be calm and relaxed. They were made using fleece, clear material for the window and ribbon. They were filled with rice and a mixture of small items. A list of the items to search for was attached with ribbon and stored in the pocket on the back of the pillow. Members made and delivered 25 puzzle pillows.
- Craighead County—Opportunity EHC—Helping Neighbors Food Pantry—The Opportunity EHC donated 455 pounds of non-perishable food items and \$90 in cash to the Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. By doing this, we were instrumental in helping to feed the needy in Jonesboro and Craighead County.
- Craighead County—Pleasant Grove EHC—Personal Care Kits and Magazines—The Pleasant Grove EHC members chose to help with the needs of the residents at Lexington Place Healthcare. The facility requested unscented hand/body lotion for the residents for Christmas. Members purchased plain plastic ornaments and decorated them along with cards to use to decorate the bags for the lotions. They delivered over 100 bags, one for each resident, along with some magazines.
- Craighead County—West Mart EHC—Beck PRIDE Center at ASU—West Mart EHC selected the Beck PRIDE Center at ASU as their community service project. It offers resource support for combat wounded veterans attending ASU. Members donated school supplies, snack, dog supplies, cash and gift cards each month.
- Jefferson County—Jefferson County Council—Fair Judging School—The Jefferson County Council realize the importance of being knowledgeable in all areas of fair judging and voted to sponsor a Fair Judging School. 10 counties were represented. Members prepared refreshments as well as lunch. Instructors were Family and Consumer Science Agents as well as other people with expertise in their areas.

- Jefferson County—Grace Willing Workers EHC—Hope of the Delta—Grace Willing Workers EHC chose Hope of the Delta, a non-profit organization established to assist women dealing with an unplanned pregnancy, as their community service project. They filled individual baby bottles with spare change each month, worked in the office answering the phone, worked in the Mommy Bucks store assisting parents, sorting and organizing new inventory. They rode on the mobile unit as advocated and volunteered at the center talking with and praying for soon to be new moms and abortion-minded girls.
- Jefferson County—Heart-N-Hands EHC—Bingo Prizes for Davis Life Care Center—The Heart-N-Hands EHC members donated 130 Bingo Prizes to Davis Life Care Center. In addition, members volunteered to assist at the Bingo games and decorated a Christmas tree for residents to enjoy while playing bingo.
- Jefferson County—Willing Workers of White Hall EHC—Trinity Village Retirement Community—The Willing Workers of White Hall EHC was asked by Trinity Village Retirement Community to teach some craft classes for the people living there to keep their hands and minds busy. Because of their age, we made the crafts simple and easy enough for them but would still keep their interest.
- Lawrence County—Scrappers EHC—Get Up, Get Moving-Smoothie Bike Demonstrations—The Scrappers EHC participated in a county-wide Community Health Fair. They elected to use the Get Up, Get Moving display and the Smoothie Bike Demonstration to draw attention to healthy nutrition and exercise. Attendees chose the fruit for their smoothie, pedaled the bike and sampled the finished smoothies. The Smoothie Bike and samples were the most popular booth at the health fair.
- Lincoln County—Lincoln County Council—Small Animals for Small Patients—Imagine you are a small child in your County Health Unit who has just gotten a shot. Wouldn't you feel better if you had a small soft stuffed animal to hold? The Lincoln County Council thought so, so they

chose Small Animals for Small Patients as their project. They made and donated 50 adorable animals for the Lincoln County Health Unit to give children when they get immunizations or vaccines.

- Lincoln County—Hickory Grove EHC—Survival Kits—How often do we recognize our first responders? Do we wait only until after we need them? Hickory Grove EHC decided to show the first responders in Lincoln County they were appreciated everyday by giving survival kits, in appreciation for protecting our community, to everyone at our sheriff, police, health, fire, forestry, and game and fish departments. They printed Survival Kit labels and pasted them on white paper sacks. They put corresponding messages on different kinds of candy such as “Lifesavers-for the many times you’ve been one”. 75 kits were distributed.
- Lonoke County—Lonoke County Council—Teaching Dolls for ACH—The Lonoke County Council chose to make teaching dolls for ACH as our service project. Members used donated fabric, cut, sewed, and stuffed the dolls. 177 dolls were made. This project is dedicated to member, Judy Douglas, who passed away in October.
- Lonoke County—The Quilters of Lonoke County—Duffle Bags for Open Arms Shelter—The Quilters of Lonoke County EHC chose to make duffle bags and toiletry bags for the residents of Open Arms Shelter of Lonoke County for their 2018 service project. The shelter provided both temporary and long-term housing to children who are victims of abuse and neglect. The bags were made using donated materials and purchased strapping. The Shelter was given a total of 33 duffle bags, 33 toiletry bags, and donated toiletries.
- Poinsett County—Lucky 13 EHC—Christmas Stockings for DHS Children—Poinsett County has 1 of the highest numbers of children in foster care and 1 of the lowest number of available foster homes. The Lucky 13 EHC members chose Christmas Stockings for DHS children for their project to ensure that all children in the county receive

something for Christmas. We held 2 workshops and made 180 stockings and stuffed them with various items.

- Prairie County—Prairie County Council—AARP Drivers Safety Course—Prairie County Council sponsored an award-winning AARP Smart Driver Course. Participants refreshed their driving skills and learned new laws and regulations for Arkansas. Council members provided morning refreshments and lunch.
- Prairie County—Biscoe EHC—Sharing Our Blessings—The Biscoe EHC chose “Sharing Our Blessings” as their community service project, to demonstrate kindness and caring to those who might need encouragement. Members brought and prepared LOVE Boxes of useful items to give chosen recipients. In Memory donations were given for the loss of community members, and trained members also volunteered freely to assist individuals applying for Medicare Savings.
- Prairie County—Busy Hands EHC—Margaret Fisher Literacy Challenge/Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library—The Busy Hands EHC was proud to help the children of our community by supporting the Margaret Fisher Literacy Challenge/Dolly Parton Imagination Library in honor of our friend, Charlotte Wrigley. Members voted to have a Spaghetti Supper to raise money for our project. With the proceeds, a total of 47 children will receive free books.
- Prairie County—Couponistas EHC—Random Acts of Kindness—The Couponistas EHC chose “Random Acts of Kindness” as their community service project. Club members felt blessed to be able to surprise several different groups with acts of kindness throughout the year in an effort to spread peace, joy, and positivity in the community.
- Prairie County—Idlewild EHC—Hazen S.T.E.P. UP Inc.—The Idlewild EHC chose the Back to School Fair for our community service project. The community had a back to school fair and our club set up a table with school supplies for grades 1-12. Students were able to get what they needed for their classes. Over 200 students attended the fair.

- Prairie County—Oak Prairie EHC—Helping to Fight Hunger in our County—The Oak Prairie EHC chose to collect and donate canned goods and non-perishable staples for the Prairie County food pantry. Through our monthly contributions, we collected over 200 pounds of canned items and other staples. It was a blessing to know we were “helping to fight hunger in our county”.
- White County—White County Council—Women Helping Women—The White County Council decided that an event for the community was needed. Women Helping Women was initiated. At the seminar several subjects were addressed that might assist women in times of needs or in disaster situations. Also a Make and Take Disaster Kit was provided and a game of Bingo was played for prizes. Participants were asked to bring a can of food to be eligible to register for a gift certificate to Bath and Body Works. The canned food was donated to a local food bank. Refreshments were provided by club members.
- White County—Bald Knob EHC—Fall Party for White County Foster Families—The Bald Knob EHC had a fall party for foster families in White County. Carnival was our party theme. We decorated the gym for the kids with games, prizes, and food for all. Modern Woodmen and Walmart provided some financial help for the event. EHC members provided homemade cookies. 50 foster children and families attended.
- White County—El Paso EHC—It’s so Easy to Sew in Love—It’s so easy to sew in love was the theme of the El Paso EHC project for patients being treated in ACH. During 10 workshops, the 21 members made 225 teaching dolls, 565 hand-knitted or crocheted hats, and 58 pillows. They also donated and purchased toys and books as gifts for patients during the holidays.
- White County—Floyd EHC—Wall Hanging Organizers for the Elderly—Staying organized is critical when living accommodations are limited. After seeing a wall hanging organizer a member had purchased for a family member, the Floyd EHC members realized how much it would help others living in the same conditions. Member constructed and

distributed 35 of these organizers locally which will hold a multitude of small items needed on a regular basis.

- White County—Little Indian EHC—Backpack for Kids—Hearing the need for kids to have nutritious snacks after school and weekends, the Little Indian EHC decided to assist with the Searcy Public Schools Backpack for Kids Program. Members brought snacks and drinks to at least 10 meetings and these were delivered to the Searcy Daily Citizen for pickup by the Searcy Schools. An estimated 1,000 items were collected and donated.
- White County—U-Neek EHC—Crochet Workshop—The U-Neek EHC presented a crochet workshop for those of the community who wanted to learn a new craft or just to hone up on their skills. 17 were present and instructions given with much requested one-on-one assistance. Refreshments were served, and many asked for an encore presentation.

Ouachita

- Calhoun County--Calhoun County Council—Hogskin Quilt Show—The Calhoun County Council selected the Hogskin Festival Quilt Show as their community service project in order to generate funds to support our local 4-H. The funds provided a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior and \$500 for prizes and awards for exhibitors in the quilt show. Members donated time and support for the quilt show.
- Calhoun County—Artesian EHC—Food Preservation—The Artesian EHC planned and scheduled a Food Preservation Workshop to equip county residents with the latest information to insure safe preservation of their home canned products. Workshop was limited to 10 participants. 24 jars were canned and some were entered in the County Fair. Some participants reported using information gained in additional home food preservation and some purchased new canning equipment.
- Calhoun County—Needle Art EHC—A Veterans Quilt—The Needle Art EHC with help from the Thornton and Artesian EHC members, made a quilt that was presented to a veteran at the annual Veterans Day

ceremony conducted by the local Veterans Administration. Members made 25 quilt blocks which were set together in a star pattern to form the quilt top. Members hand quilted the quilt and sewed the binding on the quilt. 2 volunteers also assisted with the construction of the quilt.

- Calhoun County—Smart Belles EHC—Holiday Testing—Holiday Testing was selected by the Smart Belles EHC as their project. They wanted to share a variety of healthy recipes with participants. There was a good increase in attendance. Other area clubs participated and 45 recipes were submitted and compiled in a cookbook. 20 recipes were prepared for the tasting.
- Calhoun County—Thornton EHC—4-H Christmas Crafts and Baking—The Thornton EHC sponsored a 2-day workshop for 4-H members on Christmas Crafts and Baking. Projects were: Snow globe, decorated lighted bowl, felt door knocker, lighted Christmas tree, decorated Christmas cookies, pumpkin bread in a can, and candy making. 24 4-H members participated. Other clubs in the county participated in this project. 4-H members learned how to measure and use creative thinking to make the selected projects their own.
- Cleveland County—Cleveland County Council—Disaster Preparedness—The Cleveland County Council chose disaster preparedness as our yearly project as this is an area where citizens of our county need continued education. We thought the county Quorum Court would be the best place to start. The county judge chose a date for us to be on the agenda. We prepared brochures, flyers, and other information along with a slide show that would pertain to our county disasters. We started with a refreshment hour at the Sheriff's Office. We put together goodie bags for deputies and members that couldn't stop by for refreshments. We then went to the Quorum Court meeting, where we presented a slideshow and handed our disaster preparedness information in the form of brochures, flyers, and ink pens.
- Cleveland County—Friendship EHC—Ronald McDonald House—The Friendship EHC chose to collect pop tabs and paper products for the

Ronald McDonald House as its project. Many friends and relatives in Rison save their pop tabs for us. The club purchased \$80 in paper products to donate. When delivering the items, members toured the 3 story house. We were allowed in the kitchen, pantry, and dining area. There are several lounging areas as well as comfortable bedrooms for the families to use. The money and products donated take some of the worry off the shoulders of the families.

- Cleveland County—New Home EHC—What’s for Dinner—The New Home EHC sponsored a chicken dinner fundraiser for Tammie Wilkins, who was diagnosed with Primary Biliary Cholangitis and was in need of a liver transplant. The “What’s for Dinner” fundraiser was a great success thanks to our wonderful community and friends. Our club worked tirelessly together to prepare, cook, and distribute approximately 250 dinners, earning \$1,500.
- Garland County—Garland County Council—Special Needs Rodeo—The Garland County EHC became a sponsor of the Special Needs Rodeo by preparing and serving lunch to all participants of this yearly event. The participants are students of Lake Hamilton School and First Step. The smiles on all these little faces are well worth the effort and time put into our part of this project. A total of 185 smiling cowboys and cowgirls were served.
- Garland County—Fiber Therapy EHC—Little Hats, Big Hearts—Members of the Fiber Therapy EHC heard of a new program for Arkansas, the Arkansas Heart Association was distributing tiny red hearts to newborns at participating hospitals during February to encourage heart healthy living by the moms. We rallied and, with the addition of about 20 caps from another crochet group in our area, in just over 1 month, Big Hearts knitted or crocheted over 250 Little Hats. These were distributed to moms of new babies born in February—calling attention to healthy hearts in both moms and babies.
- Garland County—Lakeside EHC—Drawstring Backpacks for Ouachita Children’s Center—The members of Lakeside EHC voted to make

drawstring backpacks for Ouachita Children's Center(a non-profit child advocacy organization that provides emergency shelter for children).

We purchased fabric for the outside of the bags and donated coordinating fabric for the linings. We bought grommets and cords for the project. Members met to sew the backpacks and after reading and discussing the directions thoroughly, 24 drawstring backpacks were made with the cords being put in by the rest of the members at a club meeting. 1 member made 3 tote bags from scraps of fabric left over from the backpacks. Members decided to donate any unwanted suitcases along with the bags and 5 suitcases were also donated.

- Garland County—Loyal Ladies EHC—The Caring Place—The Caring Place of Hot Springs is a facility dedicated to safe and stimulating adult daycare for those suffering from Dementia/Alzheimer. The Loyal Ladies EHC chose to donate to the Caring Place and also had visitation with snacks provided. It is our hope that through donations we have given some caregivers in our community the opportunity to have a day to get away and recharge or handle important business making life a little easier for all involved.
- Grant County—Grant County EHC—4-H Apron Sewing Workshop—The Grant County Council sponsored a Sew with Cotton Workshop for 4-H members. 10 youths attended and were assisted in material selection pattern layout, cutting, sewing machine basics, sewing, and modeling the aprons. The finished aprons were judged for the Farm Bureau Sew with Cotton contest and they also modeled their aprons at the annual Farm Bureau meeting and were awarded prizes. The aprons were also entered in the Grant County Fair.
- Montgomery County—Oden EHC—Dress your Door—The Oden EHC held an education class with the intention of obtaining new members. We invited people in our community and hoped some would end up as new members. A member of the club volunteered to teach a class on mesh wreaths, Dress your Door, and furnished the supplies for all that signed up. 11 students signed up for the class and all ended up with a

finished wreath. 2 of the students ended up as new members. The club considered this project a great success.

- Montgomery County—Stitchin’ Friends EHC—Quilts of Valor—The Stitchin’ Friends EHC started participating in the Quilts of Valor program about 8 years ago. Donations of fabric and money to buy fabric come from friends, community, and the Mount Ida EHC, which enable us to continue this program. We have been doing presentations throughout the year as well as on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. This year we had 5 presentations.
- Ouachita County—Friendly Neighbors EHC—Volunteering: It’s What We Do—The Friendly Neighbors EHC decided to volunteer their time and resources to community projects. We donated paper goods, blankets, and household items to the Women’s Crisis Center. We volunteered at the Union Grove Center that hosts various events for the community, and we helped prepare meals to serve in order to raise funds for scholarships. We chose to volunteer as a service project because we loved the theme “Volunteering: It’s What we Do”.
- Pike County—Pike County Council—Curtains and Covers for Murfreesboro Nursing Home—Pike County EHC chose to make curtains and twin bed quilts or covers for the Murfreesboro Nursing Home residents as their community service project. The nursing home needed 28 sets of curtains. Workshop was held and 6 members met and worked all morning measuring, cutting, pressing, and sewing curtains and finished 20 of the 28 sets needed. The other 8 were cut out and finished the next day. Members quilted quilts at home and 16 were donated. After Christmas, council members presented the quilts and curtains and visited with the residents, helping them select the covers they wanted and presenting Christmas Cards to each of the residents.
- Pike County—East Delight EHC—Bringing it Back-Cemetery Restoration—The East Delight EHC chose Bringing It Back-Cemetery Restoration as their project with the goal of reaching community members across the county with educational workshops that would

teach the proper way of preserving headstones without causing damage. A workshop was held to teach basic repair and cleaning of gravestones and a hands-on cleaning demonstration was held in the Delight Cemetery. 50 community members attended the workshop. We hope through our work to preserve our local cemeteries that others will become involved in restoring cemeteries in their communities.

- Pike County—Glenwood EHC—Ribbons Fade, Buckles Tarnish, but Friendships Last Forever—The Glenwood EHC's main object in their project was to promote EHC and to help build up the Pike County Fair, due to declining entries in the past. They chose "Ribbons Fade, Buckles Tarnish, but Friendships Last Forever" as their project title. They provided information to the public about EHC, were present in the exhibit building to help with judging and overseeing of the exhibits. They had made homemade jellies and sold them in the Country Store, along with other items and other clubs in their County. We contributed to making out fair bigger and better.
- Pike County—Pisgah EHC—Stockings of Love for Christmas—The Pisgah EHC decided to keep their project at home this year by supplying 16 Stockings of Love for Christmas for the children at CADS, whose facility resides on the Delight School Campus, where the club meets. 1 member knitted toboggans for each student. 1 embroidered each student's name on the individual stockings and another made angel Christmas tree ornaments and attached them to each of the stockings. Members purchased other items including flashlights, books, candy canes, snowmen, and stickers to add to the toboggans and placed them into the stockings.
- Pulaski County—Sylvan Hills EHC—Little Lending Library—When the library in Sherwood was moved, it left a void in the community so the Sylvan Hills EHC voted to place a Little Lending Library at the old library site. Permission was obtained from Mayor Virginia Young to put it in the Butterfly Garden. Books were collected by club members, plus 20 books were donated. A ribbon cutting was held to open the library in January

2018. The library works on the honor system. We plan to continue collecting books, checking the library weekly and restocking as needed.

- Saline County—Dabblers EHC—Quilt of Valor—The Dabblers EHC chose Quilt of Valor as their annual project. We reached out to the community to find a local veteran to honor for their service to our country. WE bought material, picked a pattern, and met regularly to put the quilt together and get it quilted. The quilt was presented as the Quilt of Valor ceremony in our local community center, filled with family and friends.
- Saline County—Sunshine Craft EHC—Sewing Pillows for ACH—The Sunshine Craft EHC found a need at Arkansas Children’s Hospital for small pillows for the children to have. They gathered fabric and poly fill and spent several hours cutting, sewing, and stuffing these pillows. They had 3 sewing days with some working from home. This project resulted in close to 200 pillows being delivered to ACH.
- Scott County—Busy Hands EHC—Tote Bags for Children—The Busy Hands EHC members were contacted by the Waldron Public Schools to provide a sewing experience for their 3rd grade summer school students, as an enrichment class. They chose tote bags for children as the project. The club chose the design and the school provided the fabric, lining, and webbing. The club prepared a kit for the students and they could choose the fabric they used. 7 students participated and made individual tote bags over the course of 4 hour to hour and a half sessions.
- Scott County—Pleasant Hill EHC—Soup for Law Enforcement—Soup for Law Enforcement was chosen by the Pleasant Hill EHC to show thanks and appreciation for the great job that the Waldron City Police, Scott County Sheriff and deputies and area Game Wardens do. The Pleasant Hill EHC, along with Busy Hands, Scrap Pack, and Dutch Creek Valley EHC cooked soup, cornbread, and desserts. The meals were delivered to the Scott County Sheriff’s Office and the Waldron Police

Station. The hard working law enforcement officers could come by their offices and have a warm meal on a cold and rainy February day.

- Scott County—Scrap Pack EHC—Scrapbooking with Dalton's Place—Dalton's Place Assisted Living was chosen by members of the Scrap Pack EHC to be our project for the year. Scrapping supplies were provided by local churches and members of the club. Members went monthly to help the residents organize and display their memories on pages. Stories, pictures, and memorabilia were shared. Scrapbooking at Dalton's Place was enjoyed so much that we've been asked to continue the program.
- Sevier County—Gillham EHC—Survival Bags—The Gillham EHC decided to make all the teachers and staff members of the Wickes Elementary School Survival Bags for the start of the school year. The school secretary was contacted to find out how many was on staff and a date was set to go to the school and place the cute Survival Bags into the teachers and staff's mailboxes.

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- Benton County—Benton County Council—Peace at Home—The Benton County Council chose Peace at Home because it showed how we could be involved in helping women (and men) with small children who had been in abusive situations. At Fall Council, members brought items to be used for the Santa Sack project at Peace at Home. These donations resulted in 3 carloads of gifts, cash, and gift cards. Some members helped the day of Santa Sack by wrapping gifts. At Spring Council, members brought laundry baskets full of items; 2 pickups and an SUV were filled.
- Benton County—Evening Star EHC—Peace at Home—The Evening Star EHC chose Peace at Home for their project because it touched their hearts to see the help this facility was able to give to abused women (and men) with young children who were trying to escape their situation. Members brought 2 large boxes of items to be used for the Santa Sack project to Fall Council and some helped the day of Santa Sack to wrap

gifts. Members also brought a laundry basket full of items to Spring Council from a list of items provided by Peace at Home.

- Benton County—Highfill EHC—Blankets and Cloth Napkins for New Beginning Learning Academy—Highfill EHC members made 23 blankets and 29 cloth napkins for New Beginning Learning Academy in Decatur, Arkansas. The blankets were needed so each child would have a blanket when napping. The cloth napkins were requested and is a teaching tool for meal time.
- Benton County—Maysville EHC—Northwest Arkansas Children’s Shelter—Having support NWACS monetarily for several years, the Maysville EHC decided to expand our support by adopting them as our community service project. Along with our usual monetary support, members purchased Christmas gifts for the children, and collected several boxes and blankets to donate to them. We also toured the facility, learning more about their tremendous service, of providing a safe haven for children.
- Benton County—Vaughn EHC—Essential Outreach—Vaughn EHC adopted Essential Outreach for its year-long community service project. Their purpose is to “collaborate with communities outside of the I-49 corridor to assist those in need. The goal is to provide essential items which otherwise may be unattainable for those living at or near poverty.” Each month, we selected one item from their needs list and each of our members bought one or more of the items. We contributed 348 personal care items for the year.
- Carroll County—Carroll County Council—Sleep in Heavenly Peace—The Carroll County Council selected Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a pillow case project. Our goal was to produce 2 cheerful pillowcases for each resident at 2 local charity missions. 20 sets of nice uniquely made pillowcases were completed and delivered along with chocolate bars and card and cards to the women of the Jeremiah House of Green Forest, AR and the Freedom Seekers of Berryville, AR.

- Carroll County—Busy Bees EHC—Giving a Little Happiness to Children at Arkansas Children’s Hospital NW—When the Busy Beese EHC learned that a new Arkansas Children’s Hospital was being built in NWAR and that they were in need of several items, they chose “Giving a Little Happiness to the Children” as their project. They held several workshops and made or donated 8 afghans, 13 blankets, 37 caps, 24 personal hygiene kits, 32 pillowcases, 12 teaching dolls, 6 throws, 20 toys and small pillows, 29 q-tube covers, and 13 coloring books, crayons, and puzzles. When we delivered the items, we got to tour the beautiful new hospital.
- Carroll County—Domestic Divas EHC—Holiday Tray Favors for Meals on Wheels—The Domestic Divas EHC chose for their project Holiday Tray Favors for Meals on Wheels. They made around 90 to 100 favors during the year. Some were made for Valentine’s Day, Easter, 4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Favors are taken to the Berryville Senior Center and distributed to shut-ins in the Meals on Wheels program.
- Cleburne County—Good Springs EHC—Margie’s Haven House Donations—Good Springs EHC chose Margie’s Haven House Donations as their community service project. Margie’s Haven House is a “safe house” where women and children go to escape from domestic violence. Members brought non-perishable food, pillows, cleaning and hygiene supplies, and clothing valued at \$1,248.24 to the monthly club meetings. Many women and children were helped.
- Cleburne County—Seven Springs EHC—Veterans-A Debt to be Paid—The Seven Springs EHC was asked to help make Christmas better for several of our veterans who needed help. The club voted for their project to be “Veterans-A Debt to be Paid”, which became an act of love and respect. The club purchased gift cards and poinsettias. Wal-Mart also donated to this project. Small mittens were made for the gift cards.
- Cleburne County—Today’s Homemakers EHC—Providing Needed Supplies for the Community School of Cleburne County—The

Community School of Cleburne County was in need of help in making cot covers for the preschool students to be used at nap time. Today's Homemakers EHC decided to not only help the preschoolers, but also do something for the older students. They chose "Providing Needed Supplies for the Community School of Cleburne County" as their project and collected 15 aprons and 12 sugar-free baking and frosting mixes for the cooking classes to help them learn to be more independent. We also made a cash donation to help buy additional baking supplies. We made 26 cot covers in 2 patterns for the preschoolers.

- Conway County—Conway County Council—Room 29:11, Foster/Guardianship Children's Closet—The Conway County Council heard that the Methodist Church had loaned rooms to a lady who wanted to help families/children living in foster and guardianship homes. Every member was able to participate in the Room 29:11 project in one way or another. They set up a rotation schedule to work 1 day a week in Room 29:11. Some sorted and hung clothes, some made casseroles to freeze for the families and each member was able to purchase an item of clothing or a gift card and be a part of this project.
- Conway County—Hilltopper EHC—Making Friends at Cottonwood Place—For our project this year, Hilltopper EHC chose to work with the residents at Cottonwood Place. This is a facility that is designed to enable people with developmental disabilities access to community life. We visited with them once a month. We brought coloring sheets and we colored with them. We brought books to read to them or read their books. One visit we made crafts with them. We had an ice cream social one month and also brought snacks for them at other visits.
- Conway County—New Horizon EHC—Quilts of Honor—The members of the New Horizon EHC wanted a project honoring our local veterans. Together with the Conway County 4-H clubs and the Conway County Piecemakers, they chose the pin wheel block for their first quilt of the year. Members of all ages sewed quilt block together, a club member

sewed them into a top, the Conway County Piecemakers quilted it and a club member hemmed the quilt.

- Conway County—Oppelo Twilite EHC—Conway County Foster Care Coalition—Conway County had 75 foster care children and very few foster care households. The Oppelo Twilite EHC had bake sales, white elephant sales, and craft sales at our monthly meetings. We contributed \$400 for the coalition's advertising campaign asking for foster care parents. We grew from 2 to 8 foster families, so we are making progress.
- Conway County—Petit Jean EHC—KC Pet Rescue—The Petit Jean EHC decided KC Pet Rescue would be our 2018 project to save homeless and abandoned dogs from risk of euthanasia, at shelters for abused and neglected animals in our local area. Our club and community volunteers assisted in raising \$860 in funds and essentials helping sustain sanctuaries so KC Pet Rescue can find forever homes for pets.
- Crawford County—River Belles EHC—New Start for Children and Families—River Belles EHC chose the New Start for Children and Families as their project because the ladies who run the facilities NEED help from the community to organize their clothing and food pantries. We worked at their fundraisers to help raise money for the rent on their building, we helped organize the clothing and the food pantry, and we built and painted 3 book shelves for their playroom.
- Crawford County—Turner Ladies Club EHC—New Start for Children and Families—The TLC EHC held a fundraiser for our club's community project New Start for Children and Families. We sold drinks furnished by Atwood's, the location where the fundraiser was held, and had a bake sale. Some club members toured the new facility and presented them the money the club had raised.
- Izard County—Izard County Council—Craft Day at 2 Nursing Facilities—The Izard County Council wanted to do something related to our local nursing facilities because these folks have given so much to our community. We decided to have a Craft Day at 2 nursing facilities. Some members went to Crownpoint in Horseshoe Bend and made a Valentine

project. Others members went to Pioneer Rehab and Therapy and made a Hand Print Sun Catcher. 2 past members are residents of Pioneer which made it even more rewarding.

- Izard County—GID EHC—Becky's Kids—Members of GID EHC heard about a very important nonprofit organization called Becky's Kids. They help with the needs underage youth in the foster system. This year, Izard County has 24 kids they are helping take care of. GID EHC donated to this very deserving cause in hope of helping to provide for these kids.
- Izard County—Franklin EHC—Little Rock Project-- The members of the Franklin EHC have hearts especially drawn to hurting children, families, and our country's veterans, thus the Little Rock Project came into existence. Local residents frequently require the services of not only the Children's Hospital and the Veterans' Hospital, but Ronald McDonald House as well. We made hand-crafted teddy bears, learning dolls, more than 200 hats, and collected assorted playroom supplies for ACH, Ronald McDonald received paper supplies, snack, playroom supplies, and thousands of soda can tabs, and many books, snacks, shoes, and lap robes were delivered to the Veterans' Hospital.
- Izard County—Zion EHC—2017 Holiday Craft Show—Zion EHC held a Holiday Craft Show fundraiser to be able to donate to local agencies to help them keep running. We made craft items, baked goodies, canned relishes, and pickles to sell. It also makes us feel good to do well.
- Johnson County—Hagarville EHC—Riding the Toys for Tots Train—The major project of Hagarville EHC this year was helping with the Johnson County Toys for Tots campaign. Instead of having an Angel Tree, the Toys for Tots program created a Train Tree. Over 2,000 children received toys. We supplied baked goods for a bake sale, placed a donation box at our club's annual fundraiser to collect toys and donations, and instead of doing our traditional Christmas ornament exchange within our club, we each brought a toy to be donated. We helped with manning donation points, separating toys and labeling them on distribution dates. We

volunteered, explained, and guided parents through the shopping areas to select different items for the Train Tree gifts.

- Johnson County—ReRuns EHC—Needy Paws—The ReRuns EHC chose Needy Paws, the local animal shelter, as their project for the year. Members donated money and items the shelter needed to feed and care for the animals in their facility. They depend entirely on donation as they are not tax supported and it is a “no-kill” shelter.
- Logan County—Booneville EHC—Feed our Firefighters—The Booneville EHC wanted to help fortify and energize our local volunteer city fire department. We voted to serve a hot meal each quarter to the men during their monthly training meetings. Many of them get off work, attend the fire meeting/training to get home at 10 pm or later without ever having supper. It wasn’t hard to see a need to be met, no one had done anything like this for them, and we were just the women to do it! Each quarter our club provided and delivered a meal the fire department at their station. The individuals participating on that particular night provided a dish at their expense. The chairperson went back after the meal was done and cleaned everything up. We formed a bond with our city fire department that we didn’t have before and since they had no clue as to what our club was, they all in return learned a little on what EHC is all about.
- Madison County—Aurora Ladybug EHC—History of Club—The first Aurora Home Demonstration Club started in 1952 and went until 1985. Projects included putting up name markers along the roads, making gowns and feather pillows for rest homes, donating sheets and pillowcases for the hospital, and the establishment of of Aurora Roadside Park, which still exists today. It was re-established on March 13, 1997 and became known as the Aurora Ladybugs EHC. We maintained the Aurora Roadside Park, had bake sales, community ham and bean dinners, and yard sales. In 1999, we started a fund to raise money for a new roof for the Aurora Community Building.

- Madison County—Farmers & Charmers EHC—DHS Foster Children Carry Bags—The Farmers & Charmes EHC chose to make carry bags for DHS foster children. A member had been told that many of the foster children have to carry their belongings from their home to the foster homes in trash bags. We met, cut, surged, and sewed the bags. 2 members had donated materials and supplies. Drawstrings were added to the bags. At the May monthly meeting, members delivered the bags to the local DHS in Huntsville.
- Newton County—Deer Lady Bugs EHC—The Deer Lady Bugs EHC wanted to provide something to comfort the children who were having procedures at area health agencies. They collected small stuffed animals, cleaned and repaired them, attached a ribbon with a small card with a poem that seemed to fit the project, creating the Worry Buddies. These were given to the Boston Mountain Health Center and the Newton County Health Department to be handed out to the children. Word was received from the Newton County Nursing Home that their residents would love to have Worry Buddies to present to family members such as grandchildren or just to keep themselves. The club decided to provide 12 Worry Buddies each month for bingo prizes at the nursing home.
- Sebastian County—Sebastian County Council—Pillows for Breast Cancer—The Don W. Reynolds Cancer Support House requested heart pillows for their breast cancer patients. These pillows alleviate some of the pain and discomfort. They are small enough to fit under the arm and padded enough to put between the incision and drains. They also help with the seatbelt in the car. The Sebastian County Council cut, sewed, and stuffed over 700 heart shaped pillows for breast cancer patients at the Reynolds Cancer Support House.
- Sharp County—Hardy Country Ladies EHC—Christmas Card for Local Area Nursing Home Residents—The Hardy Country Ladies EHC decided to brighten up nursing home residents' Christmas holiday with Christmas cards. The goal was to make enough cards to give one to

each resident at the Ash Flat Nursing and Rehab and Eagle Crest Nursing and Rehab centers. The members used card stock embellished with holiday cut outs from recycled Christmas cards, ribbons, stars, etc. Pasted onto the card stock. They were all unique as members used their imaginations to create different patterns, color combinations, and holiday messages. A total of 146 cards were created and delivered to the residents of the 2 nursing homes.

- Yell County—Spring Creek EHC—Walker Caddies—The Spring Creek EHC chose as their project Walker Caddies for Chambers Hospital Rehabilitation Unit. The hospital uses these for patients in rehab to carry items while they are walking. The patient then takes the caddy home with them to use while they have to use a walker. 45 walker caddies were made and delivered to the rehab unit.