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...AND THEY'RE OFF

125 Boxes Delivered to Homeless Children 375 More Boxes to Go



Based on current data, homeless children in the Mount Diablo Unified School District has grown to 528 in a district serving 36,000 students. MDUSD established a Homeless Outreach Program for Education (HOPE) to provide educational and related services for x students in first through 12th grade. HOPE provides meals for students, transportation to/from school, and referrals to resources in the community. It was that mission and the number of homeless children that drew the attention of the Rotary Club of Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise. It struck a nerve, and, as Rotarians, their immediate first response is always, "how can we help"? And help indeed was forthcoming through our club's creation of **Art in a Box** that contains art supplies to be distributed to students in need. Each box costs about \$25 to produce and contains a drawing tablet, construction paper, colored pencils, art eraser, markers, crayons, clay, painting set, scissors, sharpeners, glue sticks, and drawing instruction booklet. Here is how we put together 125 boxes and are now getting ready to work on the next 375 boxes.

CRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

DAY ONE: DELIVERY OF BOXES

The 500 boxes were delivered on a pallet to Joan D'Onofrio's house. **Clayton Worsdell** and **Lois Nelson** unloaded them and moved them into Joan's living room.



DAY TWO: BUILDING THE BOXES

Here are **Carol** and **Clayton Worsdell** with their grandson **Daniel Tejada** building the boxes. Daniel was eager to help us in this stage of the project to show his gratitude for our club awarding him a scholarship to attend Western Washington University where he will major in business. It took just under two hours to make the boxes.



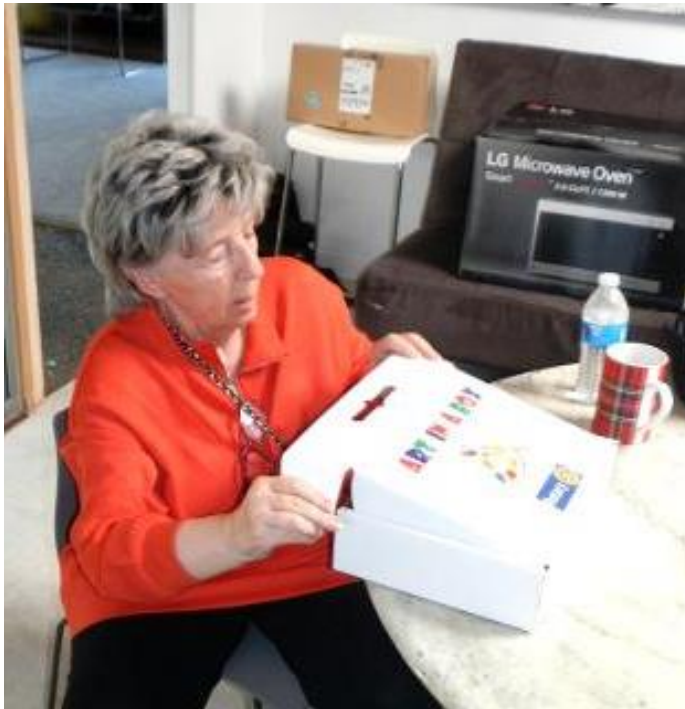
DAY THREE: GLUING

Lois Nelson sprayed, **Susie Lim**, and **Barbara Reifschneider** applied the glued page design to the box cover . It only took three people to complete this task and they accomplished it in one hour and thirty-nine-minutes.



DAY FOUR: ASSEMBLY

Now it was all hands on deck and included **Susie Lim, Jamie Nelson, Barbara Reifschneider, Clayton Worsdell, and Lois Nelson.** Joan supervised making sure all 14 items were included in each box. It took less than an hour to put hundreds of art products inside the boxes.



The 1st Round of the Art in a Box Team



Jamie, Susie, Joan, Lois, Barbara



That's all, folks. We will begin working on the next 125 boxes next month.

