

Port Girls Group Home

Zonta Club of Brainerd
Service Project

The Brainerd Area Zonta Club members have operated this service project for at least 15 years with constant positive feedback from the staff and girls at the home.

Two members of our group meet once a month with the girls. We only meet during the school months, so that means that we have 9 opportunities to try to make a difference in their lives.

We spend approximately one hour with them each time. This hour is spent talking with the girls, sharing our stories and working on some type of craft. We also bring a simple snack and a beverage for each of them.

In the early years of the project we tried to focus on educational programs such as interview skills, discussions about how to handle conflict, how to make good first impressions, setting goals, etc. In recent years, we have changed our focus to involving them in craft projects while talking about Zonta and our own stories. This approach has made the evenings much more enjoyable for all of us, and the girls are really appreciative of the time spent with us. The staff assures us that just the time and effort that we make to talk to each of them, and leave them with something to remember the visit is very helpful to them. The next slides are some of the projects that we have done.

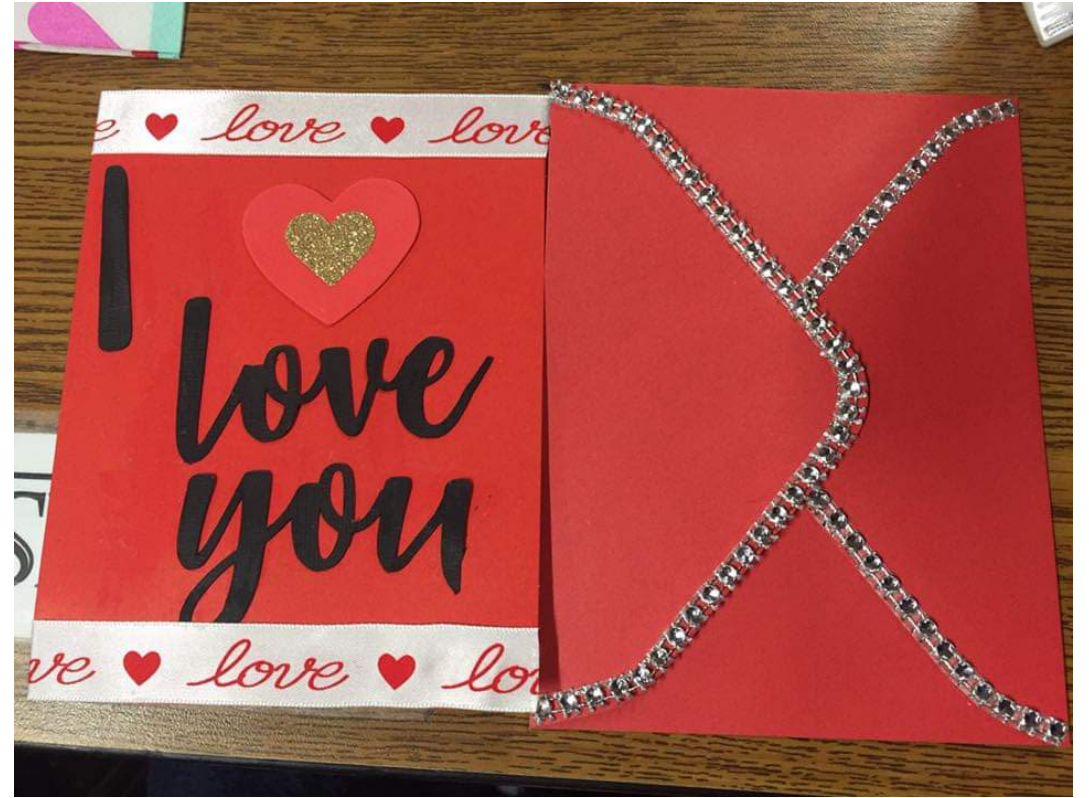
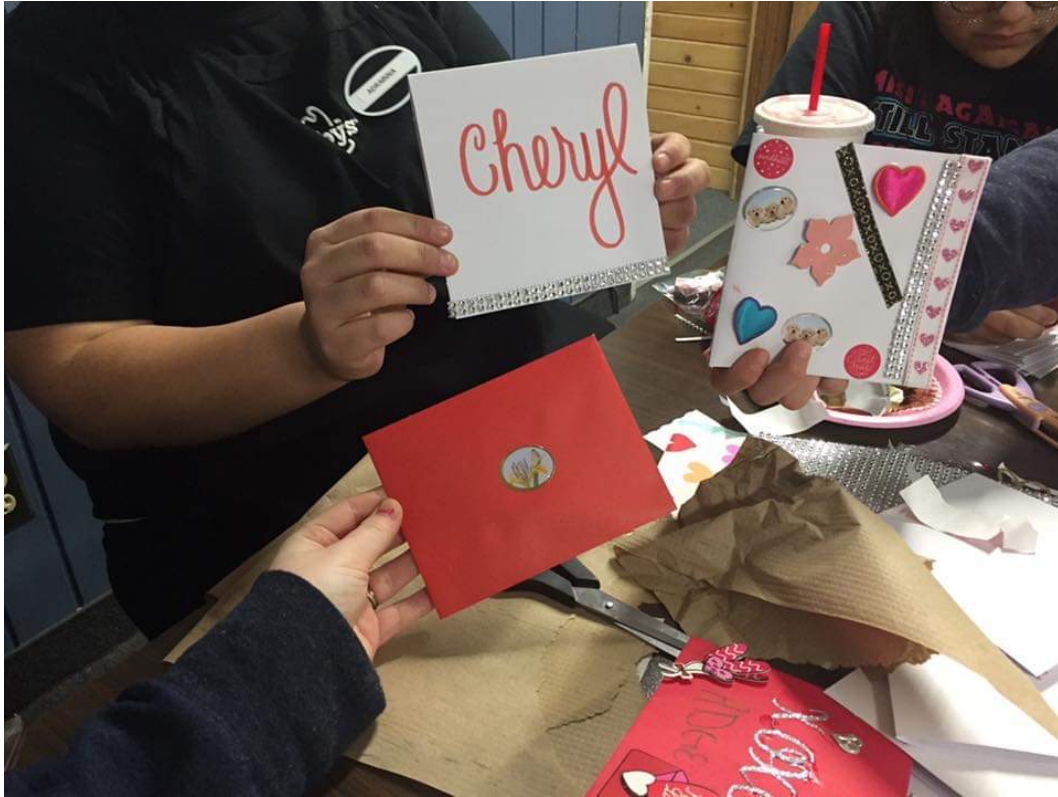
We are a small group, so we also enlist people in the community. The last two visits included a young woman from Central Lakes Community college who is interested in joining our group.

Tote bag made from
old t-shirt.





Flower pots decorated with glitter, markers, etc.



Cards and envelopes made from construction paper, markers, stickers, glue.

