

YEAR END UPDATE

The Encouragement Project is growing! God has brought wonderful people to be a part of TEP again this year, and He continues to bless our efforts to serve, and encourage those around us. As you read the information below, we encourage you to consider the people (most of whom are children) that the numbers represent. We praise God for each one we are blessed to help. For those of you who have given in some way to make these efforts possible, we thank you!!

As our projects continue to expand, we count each item shared as one more person who has been helped and encouraged. With God's guidance, TEP has been able to encourage/serve well over **25,000** people, with more than **42,500** volunteer hours spent. What a joy to see so many lives impacted and blessed!



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10



We have been able to donate **2,578** beautiful, warm things so far this year that our very gifted knitting/crochet volunteers have lovingly made and shared. That brings our total to an incredible **12,465** items given out! These warm gifts have gone to children/low income families, cancer patients, foster children, pregnancy centers, the homeless, and those in nursing homes and on hospice.

HUGS AND KISSES



It is amazing how a small handmade paper container with a simple sweet treat and word of thanks inside can encourage people and brighten their outlook. Thanks to our talented, committed volunteers, we have given out **1,138** Simple Gifts in 2022! Since starting this effort at the beginning of 2021, the total number of gifts shared is **1,867**! These small tokens of thanks go to encourage those who work and serve in our communities in sacrificial ways — first responders, teachers, healthcare workers, church and non-profit staff, and others.

SIMPLE GIFTS



The gifts of stories and adventures that increase literacy are priceless ones. We are grateful to have been able to give out **1,778** children's books so far this year to kids who have little access to age appropriate reading materials. The new and gently used children's books given out to date is **19,445**! We have distributed these books to local and regional organizations that work with low income families across North Georgia.

THE BOOK DROP

A LITTLE NOTE

I am humbled by the ways God has used and grown TEP again this year. And for the ways so many of you have been involved. In addition to the projects you see above, we are in the midst of starting several new efforts, which I will share about and explain in upcoming newsletters. Thank you for your prayers, support, donations, involvement, and encouragement! We love hearing about creative ways you share with and bless others! A very blessed Christmas to each of you! ~ Stephanie