



the encouragement project

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SIMPLE GIFTS

It really doesn't take much at times to encourage others. As of last count, we have given out almost 3,000 Simple Gifts of encouragement to many in our communities!

We ourselves are encouraged when we hear of the impact that this effort is having, and we continue to look for others to share these Simple Gifts with!



I wait for the LORD,
my soul waits,
and in his word
I hope;

Psalm 130:5

SEW IT SEAMS

On May 6th, we held our first **Community Sewing Day** to make things for our **Sew it Seams** branch. It was a rich time full of fellowship, conversations, sewing, and coffee!

Together we made 78 items — adult bibs, delivery bags for Bears and Friends stuffed animals, and bags for the homeless.

We are planning to host this special event again in a few other locations. We'll keep you posted!



Do you follow TEP on Social Media?

We'd like to invite you to!

As we post on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn more regularly throughout the month, you'll get a broader picture there of what TEP does, and what it takes to do it.



The mission of The Encouragement Project is to cultivate communities of giving and service in North Georgia, following the words and example of Jesus.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT PROJECT is able to share encouragement and cultivate communities of giving and service because of the generous donations and financial gifts from friends like you. Thank you!

The Encouragement Project is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All gifts are tax deductible.

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Eight years ago last month, The Encouragement Project was officially incorporated and registered as an organization. A few months later, we received our 501 (c)(3) nonprofit status. January 2016 held the first official working start for TEP.

I honestly had no idea what I was doing — or what I was getting into. It was all new, a working off of years of God-given dreams, plans, thoughts and ideas.

As I sit here all these years in, I am deeply grateful for the ways I have seen and experienced God working in and leading TEP.

I am grateful for those of you who are faithful contributors — with both prayers and finances — to the running of this ministry.

I am grateful for the many incredible and talented volunteers who have joyfully made and donated so many beautiful and useful things to share with people in many kinds of need.

I am grateful for the connections we have made with organizations we can support with items we receive.

And I am wholly grateful to be used to encourage others along the way.

~ Stephanie

DONATIONS IN

It is always a blessing to receive donation of any kind, and the raw materials that come in bring with them endless possibilities!

We have recently received several large fabric donations, and we love working out how these can be best used to help, serve, and encourage many "someone's" in need.



DONATIONS OUT

In the past month, we have delivered:

- **20 adult bibs**
- **15 crochet and quilted blankets**

to hospice patients.

- **1,560 children's books**

to **Children Read**, a great organization that serves underprivileged kids in the city of Atlanta and surrounding neighborhoods.

