



the encouragement project

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It really doesn't take much to be encouraging. I mean, it's really quite a simple thing to share encouragement. Even a smile, a word, a card, a visit, a meal, or a small, thoughtful gift can yield effects quite profound. The variety of ways encouragement can be given is truly endless.

Here at TEP, we're always on the lookout for unique ways to help and serve people in need, therefore encouraging them and all those involved. In doing this, we find that we, too, are encouraged in profound ways.

How do you do encouragement best? Be encouraged to find even small, simple ways to share this gift with others. ~ Stephanie



OUR NORTH GEORGIA IMPACT

As of May this year, we (TEP volunteers, donors, and staff) have shared encouragement and needed items in 26 Georgia counties...so far.

Additionally, TEP has helped and served many others in need throughout the Appalachian Mountain region, as well as overseas in Greece and Romania.

By the numbers, that's over 34,000 people to date! We find that pretty exciting!



THE VBS CHALLENGE

During their VBS week this summer, one of our partner churches invited the kids to bring a stuffed animal to donate to our Bears and Friends effort for children in need. That VBS group was SO generous!! And we're so grateful! Pictured here are just some of the cuddly stuffies donated that week.



You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Isaiah 26:3

CURRENT PROJECTS

BEARS AND FRIENDS

gently used/new "stuffies" for kids going through traumatic situations.

HUGS AND KISSES

handmade knit and crochet items for those in need of warmth.

SEW IT SEAMS

quilts, adult bibs (hospice /dementia patients), and other sewn items to share.

SIMPLE GIFTS

small treats of encouragement in handmade paper-crafted holders.

THE BOOK DROP

gently used/new children's books for kids in need.



YOU'RE INVITED!

Would you like to be a part of a TEP project?

We would be thrilled to have you join in!

There are many ways to help! You could:

- knit/crochet
- sew
- tag items
- process books
- host a book or stuffed animal drive
- clean/wash stuffies
- donate yarn, books, stuffed animals, scrapbook paper/supplies, fabric
- pack items to deliver
- help make phone calls and make delivery connections
- give financially
- pray for TEP
- spread the word!

DONATIONS OUT

Thanks to your generous donations, in the past month we have delivered and shared:

- **655 children's/youth books**
- **150 hats for chemo patients**
- **Over 200 baby items (blankets, bibs, booties, sweaters, etc)**
- **235 Simple Gifts**

DONATIONS IN

We continue to receive a steady stream of in-kind donations from individuals, churches, and other groups both near and far.

The books, stuffies, and beautiful handmade knit/crochet/sewn items given are a joy for us to receive, as well as to process, prep, and pass along!

For those of you who give in so many different ways, we thank you! The time, finances, and things you share are encouraging to us and so many others along the way!

