

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

A volunteer opportunity for
Teens in
Grades 6-12

The mission of the non-profit organization, Cards for Hospitalized Kids, is to provide hospitalized children with hope, joy and magic through handmade cards. For more information about this wonderful organization, visit their website- <http://www.cardsforhospitalizedkids.com/about-making-cards.html>

How to complete this project

1. Gather up some supplies! You can make a handmade card with simple crayons and paper, or you can make a card designed on the computer. Do not use any craft supplies that may be excessive to the point of falling off. This is extremely important, as it can create health concerns for some patients. **NO GLITTER PLEASE.**
2. Make sure that you don't address the cards to a specific person, instead use the phrase "Hello" or "Dear Friend". Do not include any personal information on the cards such as your phone number, address, email address, or any other personal information.
3. Decide what to write on the cards you are making. At the request of hospitals, we ask that you do not write 'get well', 'feel better' or related comments. Many of the children that hospitals treat suffer from chronic or fatal medical conditions, which is why they have requested that we no longer write get well soon or related comments on the cards. We recommend that you write things such as:

Stay Strong
You're Awesome
Always remember how amazing you are
You Rock
I hope you have a great day today
You shine brighter than the sun
You're the best
Be Brave
You're beautiful

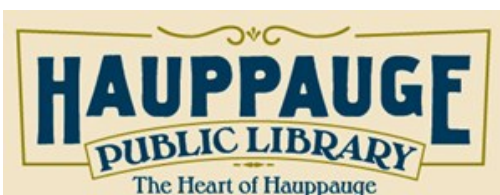
Also, do not write any religious comments such as *God Bless* or *I'm praying for you*. They cannot accept cards that contain these comments, at the request of hospitals. Hospitals treat patients of all religions as well patients who do not practice religion, which is why they do not allow cards containing religious comments.

4. Take one picture of your finished cards and email it as an attachment to the following address: help@hauppaugelibrary.org with the subject line: Volunteer Cards for Hospitalized Kids. In the body of the email, include your full name, phone number, and grade level. Within 5 days, you will receive notification of your community service.

After emailing the Hauppauge Library for your service credit, please send your physical cards to:

Cards for Hospitalized Kids
7290 W. Devon Ave.
Chicago, IL 60631

Teens will receive one (1) hour of community service for four (4) original cards. Maximum credit for this project is three (3) hours, which equals twelve (12) cards, per newsletter season: Winter (Dec/Jan/Feb); Spring (Mar/Apr/May); Summer (Jun/Jul/Aug); Fall (Sept/Oct/Nov).



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