



USWT Project Library

Xmas Stockings for the Seniors

State: Massachusetts **Chapter:** Bellingham

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Project Type: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - NON-FUNDRAISING

Description: Bring big cheer, a smile and a small gift to housebound senior citizens. Donations and purchased items are assembled in small decorated gift bags (stockings) and presented to housebound seniors in the Meals on Wheels Program along with residents of an assisted living facility. Donations were made by members, non-members and community businesses that consisted of items such as HBA samples, snacks, note pads, pens, combs, nail files, tissues, candy, key chains and any other small items that seniors could use. Chapter funds that were allocated added other goodies as well as buying the bags and tissue paper that made up the cute "stocking" bags for the seniors.

Manpower Needed: Chapter Members to Donate, 1 member to purchase items on behalf of the chapter, 2 members to assemble gift bags (during non-Covid - bags are assembled at monthly GM or social where all members can participate), 1 member to deliver the bags to Meals on Wheels Program Director and 1 member to deliver the bags to the Assisted Living Facility.

Notes: Purchase gift bags on sale after the holiday (if themed bags are needed) or get them donated.

Solicit community businesses (ins. agents, banks, hotels, etc.) to aid with items to fill the bags.

Since this is an annual project for our chapter, members pick up items all year long that are appropriate for the Senior Gift Bags when they come across them for a bargain price.

Members Participating: 10

Budgeted Income: \$0

Budgeted Expense: \$111.49