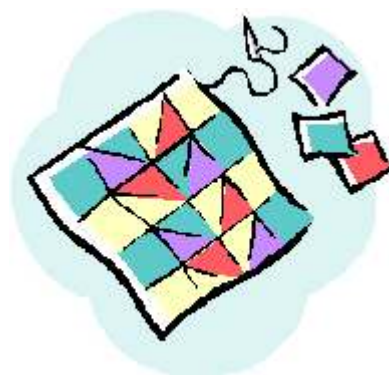


Celebrating 106 Years of 4-H Kidz Kare For Great and Small Care & Share Community Service for 2008 All day workshop on Tuesday, June 10

Demonstrate the **Caring** pillar of character by participating in Cass County's Character Counts Community Service project

- ✓ Enter the item(s) in the County Fair – they will be displayed in a special section in the 4-H Building.
- ✓ Information needed on the entry tag: who will be delivering the item to the recipient? The individual making the item or Extension personnel?
- ✓ Items get distributed to Cass County Social Services and Family Services Domestic Abuse Program.

- ★ Help sew *106 simple Colene Shrader Memorial Kidz For Kwiltz* tops. One-half will be distributed through Sarpy County Emergency Services (partnering with the **Quilted Moose** quilt shop in Sarpy County). Kwilt top kits may be picked up from the Extension office (call to reserve a kit/s) or sew your own kwilt(z) with fabric of your choice. You may also quilt and/or bind your kwilt(z) if you choose. Kwiltz will also be sewn at the June 10 workshop.



- ★ Help *Dress stuffed Bears!* You choose.....purchase your own to dress or pick one up from the Extension office (bears donated by the Kurk Shrader family). Bears and outfits need not be new, **but should be in new or near new condition**. Thrift stores are a good source of outfits and bears *or* clean out your closets and help make a child happy!
- ★ Create a *Care & Share Basket*
Participants pack a basket for a person, male or female, with age appropriate, non-perishable items. A basket must be designated for a male or female. Decide what you will use for "basket" ideas: real baskets, boxes, cloth sacks, paper sacks, etc. Each basket will include a tag with the name and address of the provider after judging. Participants are encouraged to make a pretty basket using colored grass, tissue paper, decorative filler, ribbon, etc. Baskets can be painted or decorated. Gift tag should be tied to the basket handle or attached to other containers in some way. Be creative and show someone you really care! Baskets may be wrapped with cellophane or covering of your choice which will be removed for judging. It will then be put back on the basket for display or saved until distribution. Possible items to include: slippers, socks, facial tissue, perfume/cologne, gift certificates, canned food, dishtowels, hand lotion, hair brush, shampoo, magazines, books, hand towels, stationery, postage stamps, boxed greeting cards, holiday napkins, healthy pre-packaged snacks, hot cereal packets, hot drink packets, handmade crafts/room accessories, age-appropriate toys, musical CD's.

- ★ **New! Tote Bags.** Child Protective Services need any type of tote bags for children going into foster care at a moment's notice. The children usually have VERY few or no belongings. Leave empty, partially fill or fill the bag. Suggested items to include if filling the bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, books, etc. Patterns available from the Extension office. Bags will also be sewn at the June 10 workshop.
- ★ Help fill ***Soup In A Jar*** creative food gifts. Fill jars on your own, with your club, or at the June 10 workshop. Recipes available from the Extension office.
- ★ Create a ***Pillowcase***. Use one of the fun print fabrics available or try embroidery, applique, fabric stamping, stenciling, etc. Simple pillowcase pattern available at the Extension office.
- ★ Sew **fleece hats, mittens, and/or scarves** for distribution to Social Services and schools. Patterns available from the Extension office.
- ★ **New! Operation: Military Kids Hero Packs** - fill a backpack with mementos and items designed to help connect kids with their deployed family member (the backpack is for the military child). 4-H is making a connection with this project through the efforts of Douglas/Sarpy County Educator Mark Simmons. Stuff a backpack with fun and educational items such as a disposable camera, picture frame, small photo album, journal, storybook, new stuffed animal, frisbee, stationary, pens/pencils, stamps, envelopes, erasers, flashlight and batteries, yo-yo's, keychains, stickers, and a hand written letter (the key component!). The letter thanks the military child for their contribution to our country. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.nebraskaomk.org/>
- ★ Continue to ***collect pop tabs*** for the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. Collection containers are available from the Extension office for individuals/clubs to put in schools, offices, businesses, etc. Any aluminum tab is acceptable – use a magnet to make sure it's not tin. The University of Nebraska's Southeast District 4-H program is also collecting pop tabs. Counties will be credited for the ones turned into the District office. They will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. More information on the effort can be found at http://www.mcdonalds.com/content/rmhc/index/programs/ronald_mcdonald_house/pop_tab_collection.html

Funding comes from these sources:

- ★ Silent auction at the county fair (\$820 from ten kwiltz in 2007)
- ★ Colene Shrader Memorial Kidz for Kwiltz Fund (The Kurk Shrader family annually contributes \$500 for the Cass County Care & Share project.)

We need:

- ★ **Donations** of pint and quart jars, canning rings, jar lids, *and/or* fabric (cotton, cotton/polyester blends), baby quilt panels, *and/or* batting *and/or* money donations to buy any of these supplies would be appreciated!
- ★ **Volunteers** to long arm quilt or machine quilt, “quilt binders” or “quilt tie’ers”. We are reaching out into the community to get others involved in community service and help us reach our goal!

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