

Doing the Kindness Thing for Mommies In Need



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Project Title: Doing the Kindness Thing for Mommies In Need

SELECTION OF PROJECT [Mommies In Need](#), a 501c 3 non-profit center, provides free childcare, community, and compassion to parents going through a health crisis. Built on the premise that no parent should have to choose between taking care of their own health and having safe and loving care for their children, the Mommies In Need in-home program sends specially trained, background-checked, and CPR-certified nannies into the homes of families to care for the children, giving a much needed break to the mommies and creating a community of support around the families.

Mommies In Need is also collaborating with Parkland Hospital, on a drop-in Child Care facility for Parkland patients, slated to open Fall 2020. The center, called Annie's Place is under construction on the Parkland campus and will care for 60-75 children a day. Annie's Place will eliminate the stress and worry of childcare issues during times of medical crisis.

The population served at that center will be largely low-income families. To make a greater impact on these children MIN is developing partnerships with other non-profit groups such as Altrusa of Richardson. Educational First Steps is developing a curriculum focusing on social-emotional learning, pre-literacy, STEM, art, and early financial literacy. In June, an Altrusa member met the Mommies In Need founder, Natalie Boyle. She brought the idea to our Kindness Committee to open a Choose Kind Library in Annie's place and to explore other hands on service opportunities with MIN. The twelve member committee liked the mission of MIN and the idea of a partnership with this excellent organization. Since Mommies in Need and Annie's Place will be expanding to other area hospitals, we can expand our partnership with service all over the North Texas in the future.

DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT The Kindness Committee met five times to plan the year's projects, set the budget and evaluate progress during the year. It was decided to establish a Choose Kind Library at Annie's Place and to do another project with Mommies In Need for our Kindness Action Weekend. Mommies in Need loved the idea of a Choose Kind Library and it fits perfectly into the pre-literacy aspects of the MIN programming. Altrusa Richardson had received a grant from the International Foundation which was to fund the project. The grant needed to be spent by the end of the club year so it was decided to order the books immediately.

To make ordering and payment easier and more efficient for our Choose Kind librarians, Altrusa Richardson has an account with Follett Book Solutions. This allows the person ordering to select the books, order directly and have the books shipped directly, then the invoice is billed directly to Altrusa.

The books were received by Mommies In Need in February. This turned out perfectly because due to the CoVid 19 quarantine, in March, the nannies were forced to switch to on-line visits. Now the nannies read the books to the children on-line, allowing them another way to engage the children since they can't meet in person.

Altrusa Richardson annually holds a Kindness Action Ninja (Kan) weekend filled with service projects from all our committees the first week April. All committees gather to work together on various projects. Na-

talie had suggested children's and /or nannies goodie bags as a hands on project. For our KAN project the committee decided to do 45 children's bags and 15 nanny bags that would support pre-literacy activities and include a book. The bag items were purchased, then the quarantine hit, forcing us to cancel the KAN weekend. The bags were assembled by members while sheltering and will be delivered as soon Mommies In Need allows us. We are also working on printing an Altrusa coloring book to be distributed at Annie's Place. Approximately 130 volunteer hours were contributed to the project until the quarantine.

EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT The quarantine has made it difficult to evaluate the project outcome but we know that the books are contributing to the pre-literacy of least 20 children each day. There are 10-12 nannies serving 2–3 children per family, for at least 3 hours each day, using the books. The mommies benefit because they are able care for themselves and the entire family benefits because mommy is not worried or stressed and can do what she needs to get better.

When Annie's Place opens it will serve 60-75 children every day, most of them from lower income families. These kids do not have much exposure to any pre-literacy activities or supplies in the home. These kids will benefit from the access to teachers and literacy activities. The mommies and families benefit because the mommies will be able to get the medical attention they would not receive if they did not have a safe place for their kids. Thus hundreds of women, children and families will be helped weekly, thousands monthly and possibly ten thousand annually.

The goodie bags will have a label from Altrusa, the Choose Kind Library sign and bookplates and the coloring books will promote Altrusa to the users of Annie's Place and beyond.

AWARD SYNOPSIS This project designed to enhance pre-literacy experiences to pre-school children of families going through a medical crisis by providing books and other pre-literacy items. These children are often from lower income families who need to choose between proper medical care to create healing for themselves or having the necessary childcare. Trained nannies provide free in-home, on-line or day-care educational activities.



Left: Learning and having fun nannies on-line during the virus quarantine.

Above: The boy listens to his nanny reading a book from the Choose Kind Library collection



Left: Nannies having fun opening their goodie bags

Above: A family thanks their nanny as she displays a book they have been reading together



Annie's PLACE



Left: A couple of the books from the library

Above and below: Pre-school kids learn and play with the nannies at the daycare while their mommies undergo needed medical procedures and take some time for themselves





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ORIGINAL INVOICE

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From: Natalie Boyle
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Jane Tucker
Subject: Re: Altrusa Stuff

Hi Jane!

Yes, we received the books, thank you so much!

For the goodie bags, there are two different kinds that we need, you can just pick whichever your group wants to do. Also, please note that for either type of bag this is just a list of suggested items, you don't need to do everything on the list

1. **Welcome Bag For Families For In-Home and Annie's Place** (we can use as many of these as you want to make)

Adults:

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- Small Journal/notepad
- Pen/highlighter
- Chapstick (for use in hospitals?)
- Lysol wipes/ hand sanitizer
- Travel lotion for dry/cold air of hospitals

Kids- staff could pull out anything not age appropriate for certain families:

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- Small pack of crayons
- Small coloring sheets
- Pipe cleaners
- Small playdoh
- Age varied small book (like Chick Fil A..)
- Stickers- funny ones that any kid would like
- For older kids: Small activity book (mazes, spot the differences, etc)
- Small dollar store type toys (windup toys, small puzzle, etc)

2. **In-Home Nanny Kits** need 10 of these

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- Small First Aid kit
- Disposable gloves
- Flushable wipes
- Ziplock gallon bags
- Hand sanitizer

Thank you so much for all of your help!!
Natalie

Natalie Boyle
CEO and Founder