

Valentine Distribution to Shut-Ins

A long-standing and popular project of the Grange for over 20 years has been the packing and distribution of cheer baskets to needy and shut-ins throughout the community. This year the project was changed from baskets containing an assortment of snack foods and a large plate of homemade cookies to cloth shopping bags containing personal care and hygiene items.

The Grange was pleasantly surprised to be contacted by a business sponsor who had read about this project in the bimonthly newsletter. The call offered a large quantity of personal care items that would be donated by a local church outreach center. The project would become a cooperative project to reach many community citizens that the center hoped to help.

Names of needy recipients are collected throughout the community and there is no requirement that the individuals be members of the Grange. The bags were delivered by a large number of individuals, not all of whom are Grange members. The recipients expressed their gratitude over and over again and seemed to enjoy the visit as much as receiving the goodies!