

Volunteer Spotlight

The Stockings were Stuffed by Timbercrest with Care

For the last 10 years, students from Timbercrest Junior High have been making and stuffing stockings for needy youth within Friends of Youth programs. Sponsored by the Timbercrest Community Service Club (TCIA) and overseen by Advisor, Sara Peak, the process begins each October. A call goes out for volunteers to sew the 100 stockings. Once done, the students at Timbercrest decorate them to add a personal touch.

In the meantime, TCIA conducts a drive among the student bodies to collect items of necessity such as toiletries, tooth brushes and toothpaste. They expand the collection to include items that would appeal to youth in various age groups starting with newborns up to 24 year olds. An added bonus is a gift card so that youth can buy items needed or sorely desired.

Just like Santa's workshop, the students get together, personalize and then stuff the stockings for distribution to needy youth within Friends of Youth. Sara Peak runs the stuffing party with assistance from parents who bring in cookies and punch for added holiday cheer.

As luck would have it, I made the pick up this year from Timbercrest and Sara Peak and I managed to fit every stocking into the back of my pick up truck. And yes, as I drove them back to the Friends of Youth Administrative office, I did feel like the Jolly Old Man with a sleigh full of joy.

Friends of Youth extends their sincerest thanks to Sara Peak and the Timbercrest Community Service Club. Here's to 10 more years of Jolly o' fun!

For more information on volunteering with Friends of Youth, contact Cheryl Schnelle at 425.869.6490 x309 or email Cheryl@friendsofyouth.org.