



Kidz Club

HONORING OUR ELDERS

Angel Corps' goal is to enrich the lives of its clients and employees. Sometimes that goal is achieved in some unforeseen ways.

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Cheryl Terry is a client services supervisor working for the Auburn office of Angel Corps. Most of Terry's day is spent with older clients and she has learned to appreciate their wisdom. She was surprised, however, when her 7-year-old decided to share some wisdom of her own.

"My daughter, Paige, asked me what nice things we do for our clients. I thought she was asking me what our caregivers do. But she said, 'No Mom, what *special* things does Angel Corps do for them?' I told her that sometimes we send them birthday cards. Paige suggested the idea of getting kids together to make the birthday cards."

And that's how Kidz Club was born – out of the heart and mind of a child.


"Kidz Club meets once a month and we invite employees, as well as their children and grandchildren to participate. They have so much

fun," says Terry. "Our clients tell me repeatedly how special it is to receive a handmade card."

Sometimes they'll take a break from card making and call a client to sing *Happy Birthday*.

Many of Terry's clients live alone and have little human contact. They long for someone to notice them; they want someone to take the time to make them feel important.

"My goal for Kidz Club is to honor these elders while showing children they have an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. We want to demonstrate to them that life is not just about being on the receiving end. It's also about being kind, appreciating what you have and, most of all, giving back to others," says Terry. "It's not that hard to bring a little happiness into someone's life; it's a rewarding endeavor that can be really fun."

Terry knows that this activity makes an impact on the lives of her clients. She often sees the handmade birthday cards displayed in their homes. While she may never know the true impact that it has on the children, she knows that it might be the most significant impact of all. They are learning to honor their elders – an important tradition that must never be allowed to fade. 

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