

# PROJECT OPEN HAND

## *The Caring Card Project*

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Is a Bay Area organization that serves meals daily to over 2,000 clients with AIDS and HIV throughout San Francisco and the East Bay.

### **HOW CAN YOUR TROOP PARTICIPATE?**

Your troop can make inspirational greeting cards which will be included in clients' daily meal packages to give them a special personal touch. Cards will be collected throughout the year.

### **CARD MAKING GUIDELINES:**

**Creativity** is the key! We encourage you to use as much imagination and ingenuity in designing these cards as you like. However, *please* adhere to the following guidelines; any card that does not meet these guidelines will be discarded:

- 1) The cards will be delivered to a diverse population of recipients of many faiths, so we ask that you **DO NOT** refer to any specific religious holidays (i.e. Christmas, Kwanza, Easter, Passover). **Instead**, use general seasonal messages such as "Season's Greetings", "Happy Fall/Winter", and "Spring is in the air."
- 2) Cards should have a positive message that offers warm, happy wishes. Therefore, please **DO NOT** make any reference to illness & death (i.e. "I'm sorry you're sick/dying" or "I hope you are feeling better" or "get well soon"). **Instead**, use messages such as "Just wanted to say Hi" and "Just because we are thinking of you."
- 3) The girls are free to sign their cards with their first name and troop number if they would like, or they can leave the card anonymous. For safety reasons, please do not have girls put their photo, last name or address on cards.

Please note: individual cards should not be enclosed in separate envelopes.

### **WHERE & WHEN TO SEND FINISHED CARDS:**

All finished cards which adhere to the above guidelines should be sent **with troop #, age level, and leader's name** to:

Girl Scouts of Northern California  
Attn: Project Open Hand – Program Department  
7700 Edgewater Drive, Suite 340  
Oakland, CA 94621

Please make sure the cards are completely dry before sending to the office.

Cards may be given anonymously, but please include the troop level so we can track participation in our service projects.