



Name of Project: Firefly Sisterhood Care Packages

Chapter Submitted: Maple Grove / Laura Gallup

Programming Area: Women's Wellness

Type of Project: Service

Project Goal: Create a service project for the chapter to assist a local non-profit, Firefly Sisterhood. It is a local charity in Plymouth, founded at General Mills

Planning Steps:

- An interested member brought the project idea to a board meeting. The board approved and discussed the project budget.
- The member who became the project chair described the project to members at the following chapter meeting. The motion passed to provide a \$ 1,000 budget for the project.
- Three activities for the 25 Care Packages would take place: card making, comfort kits, and blanket making.
- A subcommittee of three members purchased material in a firefly pattern and cut the material to make 25 blankets. Blankets would be tied in April.
- A separate event was held to make motivational cards. We have several card makers in the chapter.
- A signup sheet was circulated for members to help tie blankets on April 23 and April 25 from 1-5 p.m. at Angeno's in Maple Grove. Angeno's has a community room that can be reserved at no charge. A library would also be a good place for this project.
- After all blankets were made, purchasing and assembling the comfort kits/gift bags (chapstick, nutritional snacks, etc.) took place from noon to 2 p.m. at Angeno's on May 20, and delivery to Firefly Sisterhood took place on that day.
- Project chair monitored the budget and then submitted receipts for expenses.

Project Details: The Marketing/Program Coordinator of Firefly Sisterhood was invited by the Women's Wellness LPM to speak to members at a chapter meeting. We learned about this nonprofit that provides free, personalized one-to-one support for women who have been impacted by a breast cancer diagnosis. They also have a unique mentoring program. A member was moved by this and contacted Firefly Sisterhood to see how the chapter could help. What was needed most were care packages for

women recently diagnosed with breast cancer. The project chair assembled a committee to plan the three aspects of the project - making cards, making tie blankets, and assembling comfort kits.

The planning steps to create the 25 Care Packages include project details.

Ways to Promote: The project chair promoted the project at three chapter meetings and sent emails as to when individual sub-projects would take place.

Key Takeaways: Bringing in the Marketing/Program Coordinator to speak with the chapter about Firefly Sisterhood helps secure project support.

It is helpful if you have chapter members who make cards.

A good project for getting members involved, since there should be enough activities for every interest.

Thank you from Grace McConnell, Program Manager of Firefly Sisterhood.