

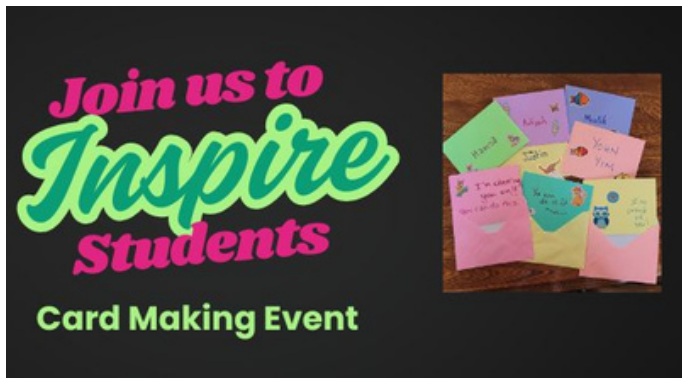
DO GOOD ROSEVILLE NEWSLETTER



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Inspire Students Card Making Events

Last Spring we did a great project to inspire 3-6 grade students at Central Park Elementary by creating 250 inspiring cards to give to them before they took MN Comprehensive Assessment tests

A student told us "they really helped!!"

We never want to rest on our laurels so this year we are giving ourselves a stretch goal to create cards for all the 3-6 graders in our Title 1 schools (Central Park, Harambee, Edgerton and Little Canada). It will be 1,000 cards so we need your help to make this happen!!!

To make this happen we have scheduled two times where we can get together to create. We will bring cards, stickers, and markers, you bring good will and a little creativity! You are welcome to bring your own supplies too.

Tuesday, March 11
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Makwa Coffee
2805 Hamline Ave N. Roseville

Saturday, March 15
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Roseville Library - Board Room - 2nd fl
2180 Hamline Ave N. Roseville

**MN HOUSE 40B
SPECIAL ELECTION DAY**

**IMPORTANT DATES
FOR VOTERS:**

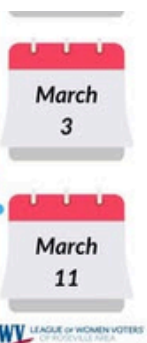
2/21 ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP-OFF & EARLY IN-PERSON voting begins at 90 W Plato Blvd. Saint Paul, MN

3/3 Last day to PRE-REGISTER online

3/11 SPECIAL ELECTION DAY!
Check mnvotes.gov for election information



POLLING PLACE FINDER
pollfinder.sos.mn.gov





Co-sponsors:
Ramsey County Public Library
Do Good Roseville

JOURNEY TO CITIZENSHIP

INSIGHTS INTO THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE

Join us to hear from St. Paul immigration attorney Gloria Contreras Edin as she shares her knowledge and perspective on immigration from the front lines and hear how you can better support and advocate for immigrants seeking a path to citizenship.

Please contact lwwrosevillearea@lwwmn.org if requesting ASL interpreting services, allowing for lead time.

Join virtually: <https://bit.ly/4hsEizQ>



TUESDAY, MARCH 18

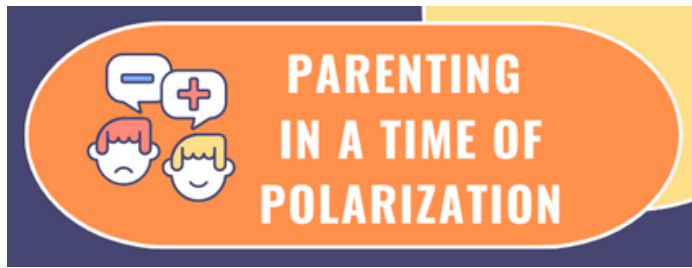
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM, PROGRAM TO BEGIN AT 6:30 PM.
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Guest speaker
GLORIA CONTRERAS EDIN

www.lwwrosevillearea.org

Click [here](https://bit.ly/4hsEizQ) for the virtual link.



Parenting in a Time of Polarization

Saturday, March 29

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Oasis Park Building

1700 County Road C2 West, Roseville

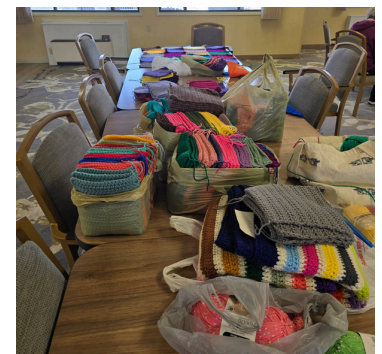
Parenting is never easy, but how do we raise children in a time of anxiety, outrage, and partisan conflict over politics and the direction of our country? Learn strategies and skills to help our children feel safe but not oblivious, concerned but not fearful, and able to express their evolving values and views without demonizing others who disagree (some of whom are in their extended families!). This is the world premiere for a workshop that will spread around the country through Braver Angels. Space is limited and registration required. Register [here](#).

Presenter: Bill Doherty, Ph.D., Roseville resident, retired University of Minnesota professor, and cofounder of Braver Angels.

Stitching Help Needed

We get ideas and projects from lots of different places. Mary Ann from Roseville Senior House has been crocheting her heart out, and had 350+ squares that needed to be made into blankets for new homes. We know and love Bundles of Love in New Brighton, so we knew we could find a home. Next was the challenge of making them into blankets. Enter our fabulous Wednesday Morning Park Chat Group. It just takes simple stitching to sew them together so we gathered at Sr House on a Wednesday morning and began sewing the squares together. Given the fact that we have enough squares to make 15 baby blankets (!!) we didn't finish, but we got off to a great start.

If you want to be part of this project, I'd be happy to give you a set of 20 squares to stitch together for us so we can give them to Bundles of Love as finished blankets. Email or call Kathy at kramundt@hotmail.com or 612-221-5451.



Roseville Cares Week – February 1–9



Roseville Cares is a new initiative spotlighting caring actions in our community and inspiring others to “care it forward.” Sponsored by Do Good Roseville and the Roseville Area Optimist Club’s Character Development Initiative (CDI). A lot happened in support of this week, but we know that Roseville Cares is not limited to one week, it happens year round!



Barb (right) dropping off donations

Hygiene Drive Results

Roseville Cares Week was the brainchild of Barb Bergseth. As a member of Roseville Area Optimist Club, Barb coordinated their partnership and helped with the planning of the week. She took it one step farther and hosted a Hygiene Drive which collected products for Bridge to Basics.

Winter Wear Collection Results

As part of Roseville Cares Week, Heidi Walz and Travis Suttan coordinated a Winter Clothing Drive for the Roseville Area School District. Once again our community came through with generous donations! Thanks Travis and Heidi for making this happen!

The district has a clothing closet at Harambee and each school also has winter wear on hand. Donations are accepted anytime. Simple call the school to arrange drop-off.



Heidi (left) dropping off donations, Travis not pictured

Roseville Cares T-Shirts



There are second chances! In case you missed out on ordering a Roseville Cares t-shirt, we have decided to do another order. You have until March 2!

In case you're particular about your t-shirts, we ordered these from Raider Graphics at RAHS and they're super soft! Not hard as cardboard. You can order [here](#).

Roseville Cares – Family Service Fair

Our first Family Service Fair was a BIG success! A family service fair is a series of stations which feature kid-friendly, hands-on service-learning projects for local non-profits. We had projects to benefit 10 different non-profit organizations.

Good deeds like these do not need to be limited to one day! We have compiled a list of projects you can do at home or with a group. You can see them [here](#).

Our fair started before the big day, with high school students helping us prepare and get a head start on the projects. RAHS AVID students created valentines for Friends & Co. and FAHS students cut tabs for our polar fleece blankets for My Very Own Bed, and painted rocks for Brighter Days Grief Center.



Our actual Fair Day was a major undertaking! The DGR Wednesday Park Chat Group each managed a different project – and 25 Roseville Area High School students volunteered too! The students were there to help show people how to do each project, and they helped complete the projects too.

The success of any event depends on having a good greeter!



The Roseville Optimist Club (our event co-sponsor), collected hygiene products for [Bridge to Basics](#).



Volunteers made cards with uplifting messages for [Cards for Hospitalized Kids](#).

Roseville Cares – Family Service Fair (continued)



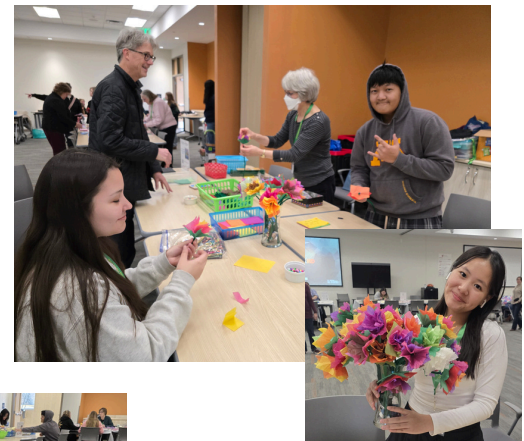
Those with an aptitude for color, selected fabric combinations that will be made into tams for newborns for Bundles of Love.

Getting happy with paint, we painted rocks for Brighter Days Grief Center.



Any volunteer event in February must include valentines! Here we made valentines that will be mailed to seniors from Friends and Co.

Thinking ahead, we made Forever Flowers that will be delivered to seniors on May Day.



This group was making cards that included "dad jokes" that will be delivered along with Roseville Community Education Meals on Wheels.



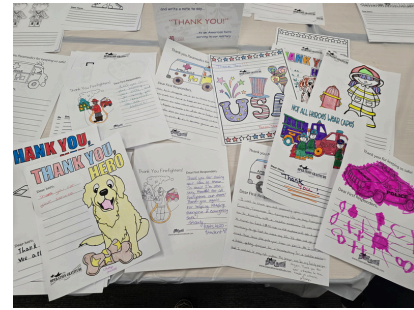
5 polar fleece blankets will go to My Very Own Bed.



Family Service Fair – there's more!



Active service members and first responders will be the recipients of the colored pictures and heartfelt messages through Operation Gratitude.

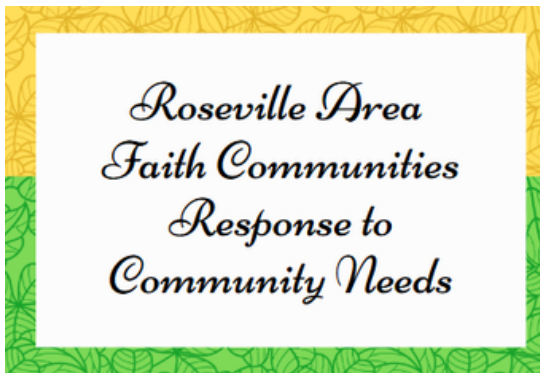


Can't forget our furry friends! We made 300 catnip toys for Pet Haven.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered and those who came and did projects with us!

Roseville Area Faith Communities Come Together

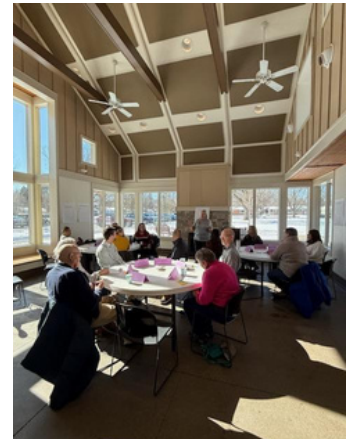


When the world news is overwhelming, Do Good Roseville always doubles down on our community and it restores our hope.

Because we know that our faith communities are very responsive to the needs of our communities, on February 18 Do Good Roseville invited area faith communities to come together to share what is already being done, as well as where there may be gaps and ways we can work together to accomplish more.



The 14 faith communities that came together discussed what they are each doing in the areas of food insecurity, homelessness, and support for immigrants and refugees. They are doing so much, and it also highlighted the strong relationships between the faith communities, the school district, and the City of Roseville provides hope.

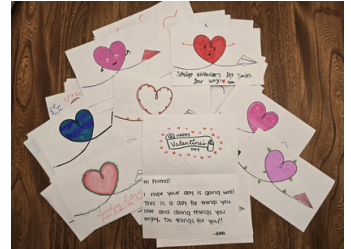


Cupid Crew



BEST Valentine's Day EVER!!! We were a Cupid Crew that received 200 roses from Wish of a Lifetime (from AARP) to give to seniors in our community. See all the pictures [here](#).

Before the roses were even delivered, the project started with Roseville Area High Schools AVID Students creating 200 valentines so there would be a valentine to go with each rose!



We started the day at Keys Cafe in Roseville, where our crew including Kathy, Jeena, Jeena's son, and her friend Haley with her daughter. One man who received a rose came up to us before we left to say it was the most amazing thing he had ever seen and he would be talking about it for a long time! Another woman said her friend had lost her husband this year, and the rose was a beautiful surprise at a difficult time. The little kids brought joy to everyone!

Next we headed to Cardigan Ridge Senior Living where we were joined by 3 RAHS students. The residents were having a happy hour program and were thrilled and surprised to get a rose and a valentine. Jeena and the girls also visited the memory care unit.



In a beautiful finale to our day, in a truly multi-generational way, we went to the Roseville Senior House apartments where our high school students and Jeena's little ones were all on hand to deliver the roses to residents who had gathered in the community room. What was special here was the number of people who took multiple roses so they could deliver them to their friends who were not able to be there. In keeping with our Do Good Roseville philosophy we know our impact is always much greater than what we can capture in pictures.

7 hours later our hearts were filled with joy showing that it truly is better to give than to receive. Was this a one day event? No, because today the residents at Roseville Senior House said they would pay it forward by helping us create inspiring cards for grade school students before MN Comprehensive Testing in April!

Juneteenth Roseville Celebration 2025

Save the Date and More!!!!



It's hard to believe we are planning our 7th annual Juneteenth Roseville Celebration!!! We were doing this for years before it became an official holiday!



If you've missed it in the past, save the date now to join us for free food, entertainment, dozens of Black-owned businesses exhibiting their goods and services and more!!!

To keep up-to-date with what's happening go to our [Juneteenth FB page](#) or our [webpage](#). To see pictures and a Nine North video from last year's event, click [here](#).



If you are a Black-owned business, we'd love to have you exhibit at our event for free. You can register [here](#).

If you are a service organization, we also invite you to exhibit for free. You can register [here](#).



In order to make this happen we rely on generous sponsors like the City of Roseville and M Health Fairview. If you'd like to be a sponsor, please email Kathy Ramundt, kramundt@hotmail.com or call 612-221-5451.

Making Connections for Seniors

When doing all our projects this month we found out about the great programs from Friends & Co. to foster meaningful connections for older adults. Maybe you're an older adult or know someone that is? Friends & Co offer the following free services: Coffee Talk, a quick drop-in chat line, Phone and Visiting companionship services, and a Cards Connect service. Something for everyone.



Card Connect



Are you tired of opening the mailbox to find nothing but bills? Would receiving cards in the mail from people who care put a smile on your face? If so, then Friends & Co's free Cards Connect service is perfect for you. Just complete the short application, and we will send you handmade cards created by people who care several times throughout the year: in the fall, winter holiday season, Valentine's Day, and spring.

Our free Cards Connect service is available if you:

- Are 62 years or older
- Live in Minnesota
- Enjoy receiving cards in the mail

Questions about this service? Contact us @ 612-746-0737 or companions@friendsco.org

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