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AHRC PACKS 175 ST. NICK GIFT BAGS



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littlestnick A huge thank you to @ahrcnassau for packing 175 St. Nick Gift Bags and donating \$250 to support our mission! 💙 Your generosity is helping us deliver smiles to kids at @northwellhealth's South Shore University Hospital and beyond. We're so grateful for your kindness, compassion, and commitment to making a difference. 🙏



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littlestnick Last week, our friends at @ahrcnassau packed 175 St. Nick Gift Bags for the kids at @northwellhealth South Shore University Hospital 💙 We're so grateful to partner with incredible organizations like AHRC who help us bring comfort, joy, and smiles to pediatric patients.
Thanks to them, we're able to continue spreading kindness to kids in crisis while inspiring others to give.
👉 What hospital should we bring our St. Nick Gift Bags to next? Drop your suggestions in the comments below!



SPREADING SMILES: HICKSVILLE, BETHPAGE & FARMINGDALE 1 JOIN FORCES FOR PEDIATRIC GIFT BAG DRIVE

The Hicksville, Bethpage, and Farmingdale 1 sites—alongside Marc Caputo, Gabby Greene, and Tina Rodriguez—collaborated with Activity Specialist Amy Yeung to partner with Little Saint Nick Foundation to assemble gift bags filled with toys, fidgets, and heartfelt get-well cards. These thoughtful packages were prepared for delivery to children receiving care at South Shore University Hospital.

The event also featured a generous \$250 donation from the One Stop Gift Shop to further support the cause. In appreciation of everyone's efforts, each person received a tumbler with a straw as a token of gratitude once the drive concluded.





The Oceanside Anchor #2 site proudly celebrated National Autism Acceptance Month with a creative and heartfelt project. The team came together to design a vibrant collage made up of colorful photos, showcasing their unity, creativity, and commitment to inclusivity. The display was used to brighten and decorate their site, spreading joy and awareness throughout the month.

They named the project Autism with Love, a title that perfectly captured the spirit behind their efforts. The collage featured symbolic elements such as puzzle pieces and the autism awareness ribbon, representing the beauty of diversity and the importance of acceptance. This initiative not only brought the team closer together but also highlighted their dedication to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

The Farmingdale 1 site had the wonderful opportunity to host two talented musicians who shared their passion for the guitar and drums with the people we supported. Their visit brought excitement and energy to the day, as they performed a lively set of well-loved songs that resonated with everyone in attendance.

The music quickly filled the room with joy, and it wasn't long before everyone was dancing, clapping, and singing along. The performers created an inclusive and uplifting environment where each person felt connected and engaged. It was a heartwarming experience that left smiles on every face and reminded us all of the power of music to bring people together.



On March 28th, several sites participated in Susan Gill's Empowerment Series session titled Creating a Life Plan. The event drew a full house, with many eager to learn about the importance of developing and owning their personal Life Plan. The atmosphere was engaging and filled with positive energy as attendees showed great interest in the topic.

Everyone actively took part in the session by asking thoughtful questions and sharing their own insights. The discussion was both informative and inspiring, encouraging everyone to think deeply about their goals and how to take meaningful steps toward achieving them. It was a valuable experience that left attendees feeling empowered and motivated.



The Oceanside Anchor #3 had a lively and productive few weeks filled with engaging activities and teamwork. They participated in a Music and Movement event in Freeport alongside other sites, where everyone enjoyed connecting through rhythm, dance, and shared fun. The event was a great opportunity for collaboration and brought smiles to all who attended.

In addition to the festivities, the team stayed busy by helping deliver supplies to support their Program Coordinator, Jillian. Their dedication and teamwork played an important role in keeping things running smoothly. It was a great example of how the site comes together to support both their community and each other.



The Massapequa Clocks site joyfully welcomed the new season of spring with a festive flower craft activity. Everyone took part in decorating flower outlines by gluing colorful beads, creating beautiful and unique designs that brightened the space and reflected the spirit of the season. The activity encouraged creativity and brought lots of smiles as everyone enjoyed working together in a fun and relaxing environment.

Later that day, the group came together once again to celebrate the birthday of one of their peers. The celebration was filled with laughter, music, and warm wishes, making it a memorable and heartwarming moment for everyone. It was a wonderful day of creativity, connection, and celebration at the Massapequa Clocks.



The Freeport Site #5 had a busy and exciting month filled with a variety of engaging activities and events. One of their ongoing highlights was a weekly visit to the Baldwin Library, where the group participated in an art class. This class quickly became a favorite, offering a fun and creative outlet as they explored different arts and crafts projects throughout the month. Everyone looked forward to these sessions and enjoyed expressing themselves through their artwork.

In celebration of Women's History Month, the group created a meaningful list of inspiring women in American History. They also spent time researching impactful women throughout history, learning about their contributions and sharing what they discovered with one another. Later in the month, the group held a successful cooking and baking class, where they made green cupcakes and brownies in preparation for a bake sale the following day. The event was a great success, supporting both their cooking goals and fundraising efforts. It was a month filled with creativity, learning, teamwork, and community spirit.



The Farmingdale 1 and Bethpage sites recently participated in a Digital Literacy class led by their Activity Specialist, Amy, where they focused on learning key skills related to online safety. Throughout the course, they gained valuable insights into navigating the digital world securely, including understanding privacy settings, recognizing online threats, and practicing safe browsing habits. Amy made the lessons engaging and interactive, ensuring everyone felt comfortable and confident in asking questions and sharing their experiences.

The class not only provided essential knowledge but also fostered a sense of accomplishment among everyone. At the conclusion of the session, each person received a certificate of completion, a medal for their dedication, and an AHRC cup as a token of their achievement. This recognition highlighted their commitment to enhancing their digital skills, and the event ended on a high note of celebration and pride. It was a positive and empowering experience that reinforced the importance of staying safe and informed in the online world.



The Levittown site recently attended an art class hosted by Ariel in Brookville. The group had a wonderful time expressing their creativity as they worked on painting plant pots. Everyone enjoyed the hands-on activity, adding vibrant colors and designs to their pots, which reflected their individual styles and personalities.

It was a fun and engaging session that allowed everyone to unwind and connect through art. The class was a great opportunity for the group to explore their artistic talents while creating beautiful pieces that they could take home and cherish.





The Bethpage site recently visited their local library to participate in an engaging art class alongside other sites. The class, led by a talented instructor, offered a fantastic opportunity for everyone to express their creativity in a collaborative setting. The group worked on various art projects, encouraging one another and sharing ideas. It was a fun and supportive environment where everyone felt inspired to try new techniques and explore their artistic talents. Throughout the session, everyone created beautiful pieces of art, and the group shared a sense of accomplishment as they worked together. It was not only a time to develop new skills but also a chance to bond with others and take pride in their collective efforts. The event was a true celebration of creativity and community, leaving everyone with a sense of fulfillment and joy.



The Plainview site has been busy celebrating the arrival of spring with a fun and creative craft activity. Everyone used forks, dipped them in paint, and gently pressed them onto paper to form beautiful flower shapes. It was a simple yet enjoyable activity that allowed everyone to express their creativity while embracing the vibrant colors of the season.



The Hicksville site had a busy and productive week filled with meaningful activities. The group began by delivering clean laundry to Last Hope, contributing to a great cause and helping out in their community. Later, the group enjoyed a fun outing to Wendy's on Friday, where they used their own money to purchase lunch. This activity provided an excellent opportunity to practice money skills in a real-world setting, while also enjoying a meal together.

To wrap up the week, the group visited their local library for a creative session where they painted birdhouses. Everyone had the chance to choose their favorite colors and personalize their birdhouses, making each one unique. It was a relaxing and enjoyable activity that allowed everyone to express their creativity while spending quality time together.

ONE STOP Gift Shop



The One Stop Gift Shop recently welcomed two new apprentices, Cathy and Melina, to the team. The store clerk, Anne, gave them a comprehensive tour of the store, introducing them to the various sections and explaining the responsibilities they would take on. She also provided them with an overview of the store's operations and the importance of teamwork in ensuring everything runs smoothly. Once the training was completed, Cathy and Melina dove right into their new roles. They started by placing stickers on the bags, a task that helped them become familiar with the store's inventory system. They also learned about inventory management, gaining hands-on experience in organizing and tracking products. Both Cathy and Melina have shown great enthusiasm and a strong willingness to learn, quickly adapting to their new responsibilities. Their positive attitude and dedication have already made a noticeable impact, and everyone is excited to see them grow in their roles.



One of the apprentices, Jeanne Inglesse, who has been with the team for many years, was recently promoted to the role of mentor. Jeanne enthusiastically accepted the new title and was eager to take on the additional responsibilities. On her first day as a mentor, she immediately got to work, taking pictures of the new products and uploading them to the Square site. Her experience and dedication have made her a valuable asset to the team, and everyone is excited to see her thrive in this new role.