

Project Linus

<http://www.projectlinus.org/>

Project Linus is an organization that works with volunteers around the United States to provide “love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer ‘blanketeers.’ ”

This summer, each camp group made a blanket to donate to Project Linus.

Letters to Soldiers

This summer we had a soldier visit our camps and share a little of his experience with us of what it is like to be stationed overseas. He gave our camps a list of supplies that soldiers typically need. Our campers participated in collecting these items as well as writing and decorating cards for the soldiers. We put together a care package and sent it to a base overseas.

Clean Water Project

<http://www.freethechildren.com/index.php>

According to Africare.org, “Of all the renewable water available in Africa each year, only 4 percent is used because most Africans lack the wells, canals, pumps, reservoirs and other irrigation systems that cost money to build but that are needed to make use of the potential water supply. About half of Africa's people lack access to safe drinking water, leaving them vulnerable to water-borne diseases like cholera, typhoid and infectious hepatitis.”

Camp Kaboom and Camp Tastic participated in our second annual fundraiser to help raise money to build a well in Africa. We raised \$600 and donated the money to an organization called Free the Children. This organization put the money we raised towards a clean water project in Africa.

Senior Home

Campers created cards for seniors living in a local nursing home in Rolling Meadows.

Ronald McDonald House Charities/St. Jude

Campers participated in collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Pop tabs are collected and recycled. Money raised through this program goes directly into our yearly operating budget and enables us to continue providing a “home-away-from-home” for the children and families of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Our camps collected approximately 2,400 pop tabs this summer.