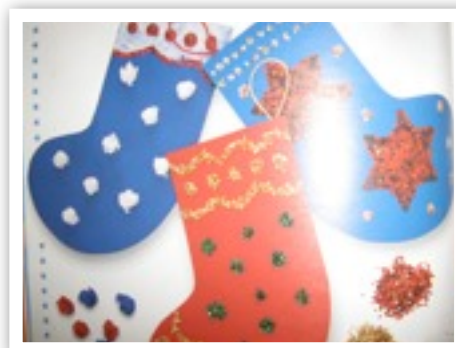


# Happy Holidays Service Learning



GATE students and I are so excited about our “Happy Holidays Service Learning Project!” GATE 3rd and 4th grade students will be sharing THEIR gifts and talents with people who need a bright spot in their day AND receive the blessing of knowing that they have touched the life of another.



ornament, a “hand”painted angel picture, handpainted bookmark, original stocking, and fragrant sachets. Page Hannah and Christy McKone from Alacare Home Health will visit our class on December 9th to collect our artwork to share with patients in Marshall County!



Our classes will be creating five pieces of art to share with Alacare Home Health patients during this holiday season. I have heard that some of the homebound patients wait by their windows watching, hoping that the mailman will deliver something for them. GATE students will make that happen this December! Each student will be creating a glittery



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### OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT ALACARE HOME HEALTH/ HOSPICE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION with GATE DONATION

Not only will students share their artistic abilities with home health patients, they will also bring home holiday art to share with you! Each project we create to donate, we will also create for your family.

We will also be creating HOLIDAY GIFT TAG SETS. Our plan is to create these to sell for \$5 a set with ALL PROCEEDS benefitting Alacare Hospice Non-Profit Organization.

We will need LOTS of art supplies to create these items. I would like to ask each student to bring something to help create these projects. IN RETURN, EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY GIFT TAG SET - no charge! I will attach a note with the item that I would like for you to donate to our project. If this is not a good time for your family to send this item, that is fine! Just let me know so that I will know what to purchase.

### Orders for GIFT TAG SETS

The students and I did a little math and found that if most GATE students sell ONE SET of gift tags (\$5) that we would be able to donate around \$300 to this great cause! WOW! I will send home an order form and if you would like to purchase a set of 10 hand-painted Christmas gift tags in a gift set box with ribbon and GATE business card, you will be able to order

those Nov. 9th - Dec. 4th. Gift tag sets will be available by Dec. 17th. The photos at the right are examples of these sets. Do not feel that you have to purchase a set or sell any at all.....this is totally optional!!

### Sweet students

I have had this idea for service learning for several years and have been waiting on just the perfect time with the right kids. This year is the year! When I shared my ideas with the students, they seemed so excited! Two even had tears in their eyes! So sweet! I know this endeavor will be a success! Kids' artwork makes me happy and I know it will make the home health patients happy, also!

The non-profit part of Alacare Home Health/Hospice will allow us to specify so that our money will stay in Marshall County. They help hospital patients with costs to be able to go home and provided necessities for home health.

My hope is that the students will enjoy our art activities but also be blessed knowing that they are making a difference for others through their artistic and creative gifts as well as a monetary donation!

Please let me know if you have questions about this service learning project! Thank you for your cooperation with the project and your continuous support of our GATE class!

