



**Ava Bush,
Class of 2023**

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Everlasting Envelopes

Everlasting Envelopes is a project I created with my brother, CJ Geeza, at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak in March of 2020. Our goal was to help the most impacted group of people during the pandemic – the elderly. The elderly population are the most vulnerable to catch the virus, but they are also more susceptible to depression during these times because they aren’t allowed visitors or in-person contact with anyone to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Which is why we deliver letters to make them feel loved. This is all about getting people to write, draw, or create anything that

can be put in an envelope and delivered to the residents in a local nursing home to put a smile on their face. Our letters are delivered open, for sanitizing, and packaged by people with masks as well as sanitized and washed hands to prevent the spread of the virus.

Saint George’s advisory theme for the month of November was gratitude and paying it forward, which was the perfect opportunity for us to collaborate with the students here. The students were able to send 70 letters to Royal Park Retirement Center in Spokane just before Thanksgiving to help those who are struggling with isolation. Saint George’s students’ ability to serve their community shone through with their thoughtful, well-written letters and their colorful drawings.

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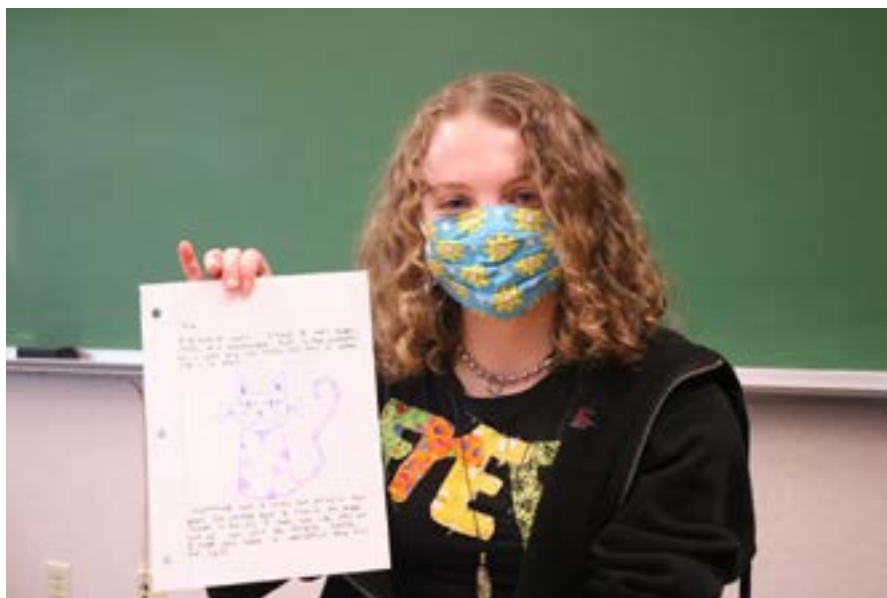


Students with some of the letters and cards created for shut-in seniors at Royal Park Retirement





11th graders working on letters for Everlasting Envelopes recipients



Girl Up!

The Spokane Girl Up Club's mission is to build a network of teen girls in Spokane who do community service together and support each other. I started the club in October and it currently has 12 members. In addition to doing community service together, we also learn about equal opportunity for women and how we can create that in our community.

I started it because I wanted to give back to my community and the girls in it by creating a supportive network for them. I added the community service aspect so they could also give back and become more involved in their community. I added the gender equality part because it is an issue that I am passionate about and the more people informed about it, the quicker it can be resolved.

Members from the club attend Saint George's School, as well as North Central, Lewis and Clark, and Medical Lake high schools and Bryant Tech. I recruited some of them and asked if they would be interested in joining the club, but a couple also reached out through mutual friends and our Instagram account.



Our first club meeting was partnered with Everlasting Envelopes. We made letters for people in retirement homes who cannot see their loved ones because of the pandemic. Our second meeting was a 5K walk that supported Operation Underground Railroad, which is an organization that rescues people from human trafficking. Our third meeting at the beginning of December will be another partnership with Operation Underground Railroad, and there will be a presentation about recognizing the signs of human trafficking. Then we are going to make care packages for trafficking victims.

We hope to educate more girls about equal opportunity and how they can better serve their communities in the future.

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