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FRONTIERS STUDENTS GIVE EASTER CARDS TO JAQUITH NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

WHITFIELD—Each and every Jaquith Nursing Home resident got a handmade Easter card last week, thanks to students in the Rankin County School District's Frontiers Extended Day Enrichment Program.

Hundreds of students in the Frontiers program made cards by hand, and Frontiers Director Sherrye Thompson delivered them to the nursing home, located on the Mississippi State Hospital campus, on Wednesday, April 20.

“We’re in our 23rd year as an after-school program, where we do homework and school work, but we also try to do service projects and give the children a chance to understand giving is as important as receiving,” Thompson said.

The Frontiers students have donated to JNH residents for the past several years. Their other community projects have included fundraisers for pediatric burn patients and donating teddy bears to local children.

JNH Director Marc Lewis said he is happy the local students took time to make Easter brighter for residents.

"Not everyone is able to be with family during the holiday, so we're very happy for these students to take the time to create these cards for our residents," Lewis said. "It's a very thoughtful, nice gesture that I know our residents will appreciate very much. We're glad Frontiers thought of us."

Founded in 1976, Jaquith Nursing Home is a long-term care facility dedicated to serving individuals who are in need of nursing care in a safe and comfortable therapeutic environment. The nursing home is located on the 350-acre campus of Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield.

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PHOTO ATTACHED: Pictured are (l to r) MSH Volunteer Services Director Sheila Shows, JNH Recreation Director Holly Haralson, Frontiers Director Sherrye Thompson and JNH Director Marc Lewis. Students taking part in the Frontiers Extended Day Enrichment Program with Rankin County School District made Easter cards for residents at Jaquith Nursing Home last week.