

Fostering Youth Involvement Through Heartwarming Senior Letters Project

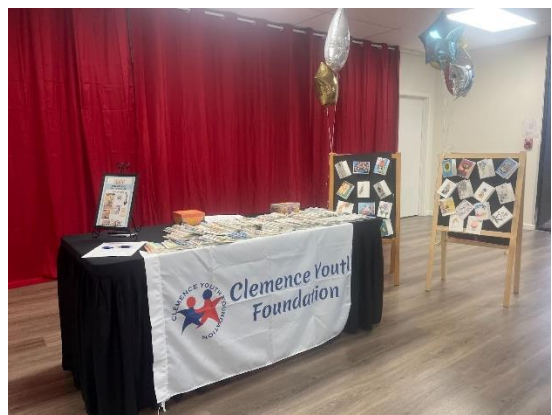
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Founded in May 2021, Clemence Youth Foundation (CYF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to engaging youth in volunteer activities and providing them with opportunities to connect with peers who share similar interests.

Sponsored by Clemence Youth Foundation, the Senior Letters Project has been led by Amanda Zhang since April 2024. This project encourages volunteers to create personalized greeting cards featuring their own designs and heartfelt messages, including poems, friendly notes, or simple reminders to seniors that they are cherished by their community. On April 14th, the project hosted a virtual kickoff meeting, with follow up meetings every Saturday.



On May 5th, we hosted an in-person meeting at Vanguard Academy where CYF founder Jingjing Clemence gave a speech about the importance of volunteering and leadership to encourage youth to aid their community. At this gathering, our leaders and volunteers shared their experiences throughout the project's run. Alina Zhang expressed her joy in seeing her artwork transformed into a card designed to warm seniors' hearts. She highlighted how the project allows personal hobbies like art and writing to be shared with others, spreading creativity and kindness. Additionally, the volunteers cut, folded, and packaged cards while also receiving their certificates.



The Heartwarming Senior Letters project has been made possible through the efforts of CYF's dedicated leadership team:

- Training Team Leader: Amanda Zhang
- Project Treasurer: Olivia Zhang
- Purchasing Leaders: Alyssa Kuang, Alan Kuang
- Outreach Managers: Rachel Wang, Ethan
- Communication Managers: Alyssa Kuang, Alan Kuang
- Event Organizer: Rachel Wang
- Social Media Marketing Managers: Raymond Han, Grace Xie



The project has achieved significant milestones, receiving around one hundred artworks from over twenty-two different volunteers ranging from the ages of 5 to 18, and creating over 1,272 cards, including 240 Chinese greeting cards, in just four weeks. The youngest volunteer, Adora Zhang (5 years old), hand-drew twenty-five cards and contributed five digital paintings. Alyssa Kuang and Alan Kuang delivered three hundred cards (including 80 Chinese greeting cards) to B'nai B'rith Senior Housing and 320 cards to Christine Care Communities. The delivery team continues to distribute cards, aiming to warm the hearts of 1,272 seniors by the end of Month.





In conclusion, the Senior Letters Project has helped all those involved to understand the importance behind volunteering and giving back to the community in your spare time. Most importantly, it has been able to take the artworks and writing of young children and spread their creativity to senior citizens. Each card is filled with the warmth and hard work of both the unique artwork and specific messages of one of our thoughtful volunteers. In the future, the project hopes to expand to sending letters overseas to countries like China by enlisting volunteers who can write messages in various languages. To achieve this, the project will continue to recruit members, create branches in separate areas, and collect more artwork and writing.

Lastly, the project would like to give special thanks to Clemence Youth Foundation for sponsoring us, giving us a method to connect with volunteers, and aiding in organizing activities. Additionally, a massive thank you to everyone in a leadership position.