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Cupid's Kids: Community Edition

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WHAT IS CUPID'S KIDS?

Cupid's Kids was created to help build intergenerational connections and reach isolated seniors. For the past few years, the DC Department of Aging and Community Living has teamed up with DC Public Schools and DC Public Charter Schools to create thousands of Valentine's Day cards for our city's oldest residents.

This year, we're inviting the entire community to help us spread some love and cheer by creating handmade Valentine's Day cards. No matter if you're 3 or 63, everyone can help us make this Valentine's Day extra special for our seniors.

Between now and February 5, 2021 you can drop off your card at select DCPL locations (see page 3) or mail it to us at 500 K Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

Cards received will be delivered to seniors who receive home delivered meals.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

It's easy to get involved! Here are three ways:

1. Make your own Valentine's Day Cards. Use this toolkit as your guide to make your card extra special!
2. Follow the DCPL Valentine's Card video tutorial – video coming soon.
3. Call a senior on Valentine's Day! Sign up to join our volunteer program.

Or, do all **THREE**!

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

When visiting your Public Library to drop off your card, please make sure you are wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. If you are feeling sick or have tested positive for COVID-19, please do not visit the site. A designated drop off box will be at each site.

To drop-off your card, the library will be available for curbside. Please contact one of the libraries listed below.

Card drop off locations by ward:

Ward 1
Mt. Pleasant: 3160 16th St. NW Washington, DC 20010
202-671-3121

Ward 2
West End: 2301 L St. NW Washington, DC 20037
202-724-8707

Ward 3
Tenleytown-Friendship: 4450 Wisconsin Ave. NW Washington, DC 20016
202-727-1488

Ward 4
Petworth: 4200 Kansas Ave. NW Washington, DC 20011
202-243-1188

Ward 5
Woodridge: 1801 Hamlin Street NE Washington, DC 20018
202-541-6226

Ward 6
Northeast (Capitol Hill): 330 7th St. NE Washington, DC 20002
202-698-0058

Ward 7
Francis Gregory: 3660 Alabama Ave., SE Washington, DC 20020
202-698-6373

Ward 8
Anacostia: 1800 Good Hope Road SE Washington, DC 20020
202-715-7707

HOW DO I MAKE A CARD?

Instructions for Kids:

1. Create a card with construction paper or card stock.

2. Decorate with Valentine's Day theme in mind.

3. Share fun facts about yourself inside of the card (e.g., favorite hobbies, pets, school, etc.). **Make sure your letters are large, in dark ink and neat.** You can also write a simple poem and greeting inside the card.
   - If you need help, you can use the sample messages (Page 5) to make your card.
   - If you need ideas on what to include on the card you can print the cutouts and paste on the card. **Don't forget to color it!**

4. "Sign" the card with your first name and age.

Instructions for Teens and Adults:

1. Create a card with construction paper or card stock.

2. Decorate with Valentine's Day theme in mind.

3. Inside the card share fun facts about yourself. You can also write a simple poem and greeting inside the card. **Make sure your letters are large, in dark ink and neat.**

Helpful Hint: Do not write expressions like "Get Well" or "I'm sorry you are alone". **Please write positive messages.** Seniors that are homebound are not ill or isolated in all cases. We want to simply send a cheerful note to brighten their day!

Important: Please do not include your address or personal identifying information on the cards. Please do not send any money or checks with your card.

Once your card is complete you may drop off your card at your local Public Library.

Last day for card drop off is Friday, February 5.

SAMPLE MESSAGES

Preschool Ages 3-6: Sample messaging and card ideas

1. I think you are purrr-fectt – Draw a cat on your card and decorate.

2. I'm stuck on you! *or* Let's stick together! – A great saying if you want to add stickers to your card.

3. It is 'ruff' when you are not around – Draw a dog on your card and decorate.

Grade School and High School: Sample messaging and card ideas

1. You wrote the book on being cool! – Create a homemade bookmark.

2. Hope you get lots of fun treats today! XOXOXO.

3. Wishing you a fantastic day to my favorite Valentine!

4. A wish for a Valentine's Day as sweet as you are!

5. Have a wonderful day full of laughs and treats.

Teens and Adults: Sample messaging

- Write about your favorite Valentine's Day memory.

- Write about your favorite hobbies or places to visit.

- Write a personalized poem.

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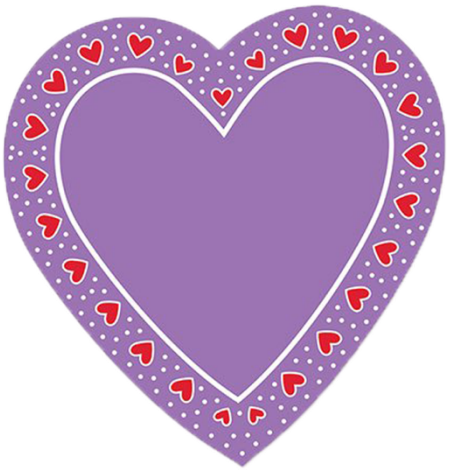
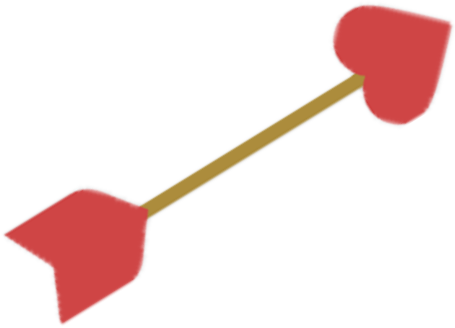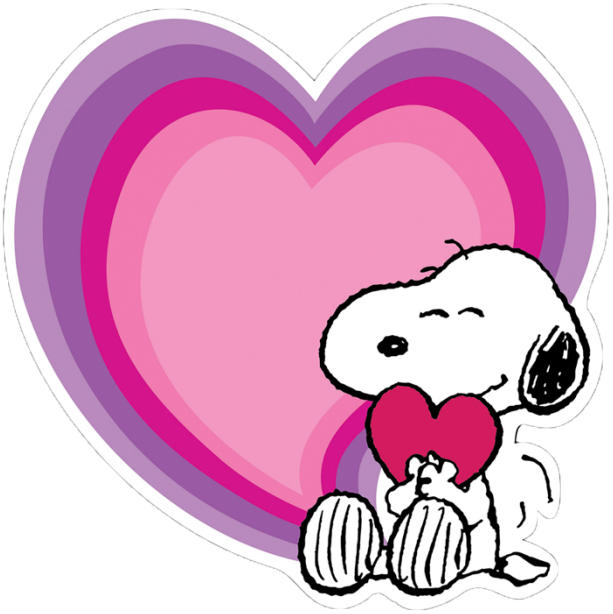
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