



NOVEMBER MESSAGE

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM

Hello ladies, Covid-19 cases seem to be on the rise so please take precautions, for yourself and your families. November is around the corner with flu season and the holidays for many this will be a difficult time of year. Please take the time to remember that there are many more people this year that are facing difficult times. Businesses have closed, causing many to lose jobs which now mean people are unable to meet their financial needs. With our Children at home and the many restrictions how are you reaching out to the children?

One program that I believe has not crossed the mind of many is Military.com this program reaches out to families of the Military. As Operation Military Kids announced that they are no longer as of March 31st you can still go to Military.com and reach out to the children and spouses of the Military. Help the children of Military families by donating books, games school supplies for the backpacks of kids. Please get on So yes, I know kids are physically not in school for most anyway, but they are still attending class at home or at school. Most schools are supplying kids with supplies when needed so the opportunity to donate is still there. I had a friend share with me that she donated computer stylus pointers for a class of 10. This would eliminate the kids from using their fingers. Others have mentioned if you call the school and drop off supplies, they will gladly take them. The parents in most schools can call the school. And if the school can provide, they will give them some. This could be an easy way to get the supplies to kids. So, the next question is how do you get the supplies? Most communities are having events even if small, or a bank ask them if you can leave a box for donations for the kids. Send a letter for donations. To your local business asking for some donations.

Also, what about those kids that have been homeschooled you can go onto to google and find some organizations out there that help them also. One that you can investigate is thehomeschoolmom.com, you can click on your state and look and see how you can help the kids in your area on this site.

November brings Election Day on the 3rd, Marine Day on the 10th and of course Veterans day on the 11th. I know I have asked or mentioned before to possibly reach Out to a teach especially now teachers may enjoy it if you can get with her on one of her video classes and talk about Veterans Day and what it signifies.

Again, let's not forget the families that will need help with warm clothing, or food how can you maybe help with that. I believe you can still call the school and talk to the counselors and see if there are children and their family that need help. Thanksgiving would be a good time to gather a basket of food and donate it on Behalf to the American Legion Family. Ladies we are all a giving family and a caring family and now more than ever we need to step up and help.

I also mentioned that I have been calling each of you to reach out to say hello, share and listen. So for those of you I haven't reached yet you will hear from me very soon.

Ladies Please stay safe!!!!

ABRAHAM LINCOLN ONCE SAID, "THE BEST THING ABOUT THE FUTURE IS THAT IT COMES ONE DAY AT A TIME".

For God and Country.

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