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Happy New Year Artisans,

I hope your holidays were happy with many wonderful memories created for you and your loved ones!

In my last bulletin I introduced the Youth Caregiver Award created for the 2021-22 year. You might be asking yourselves, “What is a youth caregiver?” It is a young person who selflessly gives of themselves to aid others who need extra assistance. This could include serving meals to a neighbor recovering from a health crisis, giving comfort or support to a friend or family member, visiting someone that is homebound due to illness or disability. It could be a grandchild helping care for a disabled grandparent or parent.

It is extremely easy for any ALA unit to support young caregivers in their community. A fillable certificate has been created and is available on the National Website under the Children & Youth program page. Please log onto the website under My Auxiliary Member portal to access the form. Find the certificate, download it to your computer and complete the fields provided. Once complete, it is ready to print. Please take pictures of your unit presentation and share them on the Children and Youth Facebook page and include them with your year-end reports.

Ask your friends and post family members if they know of a young person who qualifies for this award and get busy with it. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number or email address listed below.

I would like to thank all the districts who submitted a mid-year report, thank you for your time and effort!

A child can teach an adult three things... To be happy for no reason. To always be busy with something. And to know how to demand with all his might that which he desires. Paulo Coelho

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