What is leadership?

Webster defines leadership in two ways: “The position or office of a leader” or “the capacity or ability to lead”. Those who would shy away from being referred to as a leader are often only considering the first definition.

In truth, all of us step up to leadership on a regular basis when we work with others to make great things (large and small) happen in our communities. To be volunteers, we must use our capacity to lead.

A great example is the H.U.G.S. project conducted by the Craighead County Extension Homemakers. When a club decided to put together the packets of hats, underwear, gloves and socks for underprivileged children, leadership was involved in every step.

Suggestions (guidance) were offered concerning which sizes would be purchased, who would shop for the items, how much would be spent, how the kits would be put together and which schools would benefit. Were you part of that discussion? Did you volunteer to take on part of the responsibility?

The important part of leadership is stepping up. The size of the step is less important than the act of moving forward.

As we move into the new year, let’s resolve to stretch our capacities by being fully involved.

The more the merrier on the EHC leaders’ ship.

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Blessings by the Wagonload!

Knitted caps and comfort pillows are unloaded into red wagons at Arkansas Children Hospital just in time for Christmas dismissals

ASU Scholarship Applications Due March 1st

Applications for the 2014 ASU Scholarship are due on Tuesday, March 1st. Remember to use the green form contained in this month’s CONNECTION newsletter.

The Craighead County Extension Homemakers Scholarship Committee will review the scholarship applications to make sure that they contain all of the required information. The committee does not choose the recipient – that is done by the scholarship department at ASU.
Winter Council Meeting Set for January 17th

Set for Friday, January 17th at Family Fellowship Church, 2441 Old Greensboro Road, the council meeting will be celebrating community service.

Plans for the program and meal were discussed at the January 6th Board meeting. West Mart EHC will be handling set up for the meeting.

Each club is asked to bring
- 2 large salads and 2 desserts.
- a table decoration featuring purple caps for the Arkansas Children’s hospital
- a paragraph about their member of the year to use as an introduction
- Items for the silent auction

Attention: EH Club Presidents

At the Winter Council meeting, we would like to ask each club president to report on her club’s community service efforts. You will be receiving a form in the mail with some specific questions.

Please just choose one or two to highlight so that all nine clubs can finish in a short amount of time. This is a great way to let visitors know about the mission of EHC.

Many Thanks!

Craighead County Extension Homemakers added a “made from scratch” welcome to attendees at the 2013 Arkansas Soybean Research Summit with homemade desserts and true hospitality.

Ivaline Moody & Charlotte Wright (Oak Grove EHC) and Maleigha Light (4-H Agent) assemble a delicious banana pudding onsite.

Glenda Griffin (Otwell EHC) and Emma Dunn (new member from Pleasant Grove EHC) came to serve desserts and help with clean up.

Over 200 attendees enjoyed snacks and desserts provided by the Craighead County Family and Consumer Sciences department and Craighead County EHC.