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Bloomsburg University Students Donate Art and Recreational Supplies to KidsPeace Residential Treatment Program

OREFIELD, PA (October 14, 2020) - A group of students at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania recently demonstrated their concern for those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic – specifically, kids in KidsPeace’s residential treatment programs at the Orchard Hills Campus in Orefield, PA.

A group from the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) chapter at Bloomsburg purchased art supplies, sidewalk chalk and packs of playing cards and donated them to KidsPeace during a socially distanced visit to the campus in September.

Bloomsburg senior Daniel Pruzinsky of Orefield, the treasurer of the TKE chapter, said the group heard about the need for recreational supplies at KidsPeace and decided to make the donation to show children at the facility that people care about their well-being.

“The message we are trying to relay to the kids at KidsPeace is that ‘family’ is not just Mom and Dad like people usually think of. It could be friends, or boyfriends and girlfriends, or like for us the bond and brotherhood between members of our chapter at Bloomsburg,” he said.

Paige Keeter, senior director of Applied Behavior Analysis and recreational services at the campus, told the TKE group their donations will help expand the experiences of kids in the programs.

“During COVID we’ve been very limited in the activities we can do. Our youth can’t go off campus right now because of safety concerns. So we are trying to program for them 24 hours a day, seven days a week to keep them occupied and busy.”

“They’ll be very happy to get these items – especially the art supplies, because that’s one of their favorite things to do,” Keeter added.

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(Caption): Members of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania visited KidsPeace’s Orchard Hills Campus in September to deliver donated art and recreational supplies for kids in the residential treatment programs there. From left, Ann McCauley, KidsPeace Vice President; John Mazuera, Daniel Pruzinsky and Kyle Bennett of TKE; and Paige Keeter, KidsPeace Senior Director of Applied Behavior Analysis and Recreational Services.

Since 1882, KidsPeace has been building on its expertise to give hope, help and healing to children, adults and those who love them. Through its comprehensive range of residential treatment programs; accredited educational services; unique psychiatric hospital and foster care and community-based programs, KidsPeace is dedicated to helping people connect, transform and overcome their challenges to ensure a stable future, transition to adulthood and gain independence. Since its doors opened, nearly 300,000 children have participated in one of the multitude of programs KidsPeace offers.

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