



# Community Outreach

## Art Gift Satchels for Youths

CWA Outreach Collaborates with Winter Nights Family Shelter Program



CWA Community Outreach is participating for the first time in a wonderful program in Contra Costa County called Winter Nights Family Shelter. Families, many with children, undergoing the stress of homelessness are provided shelter by local congregations and community groups. They provide meals, transportation to school and jobs, medical appointments, tutoring, daycare, help, and guidance in seeking employment and sustainable housing. They also have activities for the children, birthday parties, a trip to the zoo, and arts and crafts. The Winter Nights Shelter program provides a safe, secure and caring place to take shelter in which each family has their own tent they call home.

The children's wellbeing is always of major importance. It is particularly challenging to foster a creative environment for the children. CWA Community Outreach found a way to participate in the program. We have assembled

an art gift canvas satchel for each child in residence filled with art stimulating gifts appropriate for each child's age. Each satchel is personalized with the child's name. It's something they can call their own as they explore and discover the joys of making art. We will be giving these art satchels to seven children between the ages of three and eighteen from five different families.

In addition, we have been asked by Winter Nights Family Shelter program if we might be able to offer an art workshop for these children. We are looking into this and welcome any CWA members that may want to volunteer and/or share some ideas. For more information, please feel free to contact me to discuss your ideas.

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**WINTER NIGHTS**  
Family Shelter

For more information on the Contra Costa County Winter Nights Shelter please visit [www.cccwinternights.org](http://www.cccwinternights.org).

Donations are welcome.

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## Song, Dance and Celebration!

### Memory Project Portraits are Delivered to Cameroon



**Cameroon 2021**

Memory Project delivery of portraits to children in Cameroon



<https://vimeo.com/548215206/ada87238aa>

Students from Evan Hughes’ art classes in the Clayton Valley Charter High School were sponsored by CWA Community Outreach to create portraits of Cameroon students from photographs. The project was begun in Cameroon before the pandemic. When the pandemic hit the U.S. it was clear the project would have challenges from completing the portraits to sending them back to Cameroon. Fortunately, Clayton Valley High School overcame the virtual classroom obstacle, and all the portraits were completed. The Memory Project helped with the next step. Delphine, from Wisconsin and a former member of the Cameroon community, was able to transport the finished portraits. These portraits have given each student something special to celebrate. The link above will take you to a short video of Delphine’s journey to deliver the portraits and the joyous reception of them.



Cameroon 2021: Memory Project delivery of portraits to children in Cameroon

**Help us with this project by connecting CWA Community Outreach to high school art teachers or students so we can continue “creating a kinder world through art.”**

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