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Fleece Scarves – “Scarf in the Park”

During the cold winter months, many homeless are not able to stay warm. Morgan Guess, a 2016 Hasbro Community Action Hero.

Morgan Guess, a 2016 Hasbro Community Action Hero, co-hosted a “Scarf in the Park” project on Christmas Eve. “We know there are people in our community who will have nowhere to go on Christmas Eve,” said Morgan. “We also know they will be cold, and likely sad and lonely. When we thought about hosting this project, we thought Christmas Eve would be the best night to show them that they are seen and cared about. No one should go without a present, and we believe no one should be cold. We want this project to give those with the most need in our community a way to stay warm and to give them hope.”



You can help the homeless stay warm by making fleece scarves. Contact your local homeless shelter or social services to find out where you can donate the scarves and a good drop-off time.



What You Need

- Fleece – individual scarves are 10” x 60”
- Sharp scissors or rotary cutter



How You Do It

Per Scarf:

1. Trim the fabric so that the edges are smooth (remove any salvage).
2. Cut a rectangular piece of fleece fabric 60 inches long and 10 inches wide.
3. Using a sharp set of scissors cut 1/2 wide strips about 4 inches into the ends of the scarf.
4. You can leave fringe as is or wrap each fringe around your finger to the right, bring around back coming forward on your left then tuck the end down thru the loop you just made and pull gently. Be sure not to pull tight because it will make the knot small and hard.



Before the project

READ ONE OF THESE BOOKS.

***A Shelter in Our Car* by Monica Gunning**

Zettie and her Mama left their warm and comfortable home in Jamaica for an uncertain life in the United States. With Papa gone, Mama can't find a steady job that will sustain them and so they are forced to live in their car. But Mama's unwavering love, support, and gutsy determination give Zettie the confidence that, together, she and her mother can meet all challenges. Monica Gunning's moving and authentic story about homelessness in an American city was developed with the help of the Homeless Children's Network in San Francisco.

***Fly Away Home* by Eve Bunting**

A homeless boy who lives in an airport with his father, moving from terminal to terminal trying not to be noticed, is given hope when a trapped bird finally finds its freedom.

The bags accumulated in ugly heaps alongside roads. Water pooled in them, bringing mosquitoes and disease. Some bags were burned, some were buried, but they strangled gardens. Something had to change.

Morgan Guess

2016 Hasbro Community Action Hero

When Morgan was 8-years-old, she was bullied by a classmate. The bullying left her with stomach spasms, panic attacks, and she was diagnosed as clinically depressed. Rather than blaming others or ignoring it, Morgan chose to be part of the solution. Along with her mother, she started the Guess Anti-Bullying Foundation to support other kids dealing with the same issues. Morgan lobbied the state of Kentucky to join her and due to her tireless efforts, Kentucky appointed a statewide taskforce to study the issue of bullying and signed a bill into law that defines bullying in Kentucky and impacts 1,233 public schools and protects some 640,000 students.

The vision of Guess Anti-Bullying is to change behaviors and attitudes as it relates to creating a kinder culture. The organization hosts the Paducah Kindness Color Walk as a way to start the school year off with every corner of the community focused on being kind. They also sponsored a #bekindpaducah mural and often host community activities around the mural as a way to lift up the power of kindness. Scarves in the Park, when members of the community gather to hang scarves on trees for the homeless and those in need, is a new project that they hope to make a holiday tradition.