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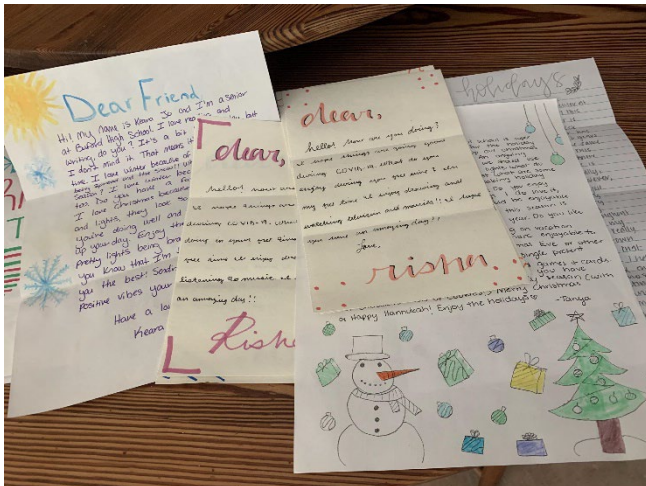
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Veterans High School SkillsUSA Team Organizes Letter Campaign to Nursing Home Residents



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Over the last year, the Veterans High School SkillsUSA team participated in *Letters for Rose*, an international effort to reduce loneliness among elders in nursing homes. Letters for Rose is an initiative that was launched during the COVID-19 pandemic with the purpose of creating and distributing personalized letters, art, and donations for local nursing homes.

SkillsUSA students received an overwhelming amount of support for the project, collecting nearly 400 letters in 10 months, thanks to the combined efforts of multiple school clubs. The team was able to send letters to three nursing homes in total, each with around 50 residents.

The nursing homes that received letters have spoken of the benefits and joy the letters brought, and the students themselves report feeling more connected to their community.

For more information about SkillsUSA at Veterans High Schools, please contact Ashley Cline at Ashley.cline@hcbe.net.

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