

# Blanket Upsurge!

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## *Classroom Grant*

### ***Teen Angels/Teen Heroes***

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Dear Board Members of the Education  
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# Application Form

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## Report Fields

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### Project Name\*

Name of project

Blanket Upsurge!

### Amount Requested

Amount requested on application.

\$400.00

### Grade Level

Please select grade level below.

Middle School (7-8)

### Primary Subject Area

Please select the primary subject area of your grant.

Other

### School

Please select your school from the list below

Will James Middle School

### Number of Students Served

Please enter the number of students that will be served by this grant.

25

### Project Cost

What is the total cost of your project?

400.00

### Statement of Need

Please describe the need for this project. For example, how will this project impact student learning?

My seventh and eighth grade students in Teen Angels / Teen Heroes have been reaching out to the Billings community to show their love and support for those who have special needs. We are currently focusing on cancer patients in the pediatric wing of Billings Clinic and adult patients at St. Vincent's Frontier

Cancer Center. We believe these individuals will be able to feel our concern by being given one of the fleece blankets that my Teen Angels/Teen Heroes have made for them.

We feel we have been very successful in our endeavors, therefore, for the 2014-2015 school year, we want to make more blankets for not only cancer patients, but children at the Montana Family Shelter. It is so important to us that those who are suffering from cancer or are knowing the hardships of life can realize that they are not alone. Teenagers really care!

## Primary Goal

Please describe the primary goal of the project and how it blends with School District 2 goals and curriculum.

Our primary goal is to make as many blankets as we possibly can to be given to these cancer patients and disadvantaged children at the Family Shelter. We believe that it is especially impressive that teenage students, both male and female, made these blankets to show their concern. Their inspiration from their success only makes my seventh graders want to do more next year. This ties into School District 2 goals and curriculum by helping students learn to be caring and concerned about their community. We Build the Future together! My students learn to be organized caregivers, and the community is blessed by their love and concern. Also, at Will James Middle School we strive to Pursue Excellence in all we do. Therefore, what we learned this year in our blanket making can be useful in our endeavors next year.

## Project Description

Briefly identify the major activities and materials involved in your project.

Teen Angels/Teen Heroes meet every Wednesday morning at 7:30 in my keyboarding room to conduct their regular business as well as plan their next project to show their concern for the community. Currently, we have made twenty blankets; ten have been delivered to the Billings Pediatric Center for oncology patients. We lay the material out on the keyboarding floor and on the tables in my art room. Two - four students work on each blanket cutting the fleece strips that are later tied to hold the blanket together. All that is required to make a blanket is several yards of fleece material, several good scissors, and lots of effort. Our group can make a blanket in about thirty minutes.

## Professional Development

If your project includes professional development how will it improve student performance?

Every project that we have done in Teen Angels/Teen Heroes (coats and food for the homeless at the Hub, blankets, and valentines for all administrators and teachers at Valentine's Day, and letters to soldiers) has helped our students become more caring and concerned about their community. Working on these projects has helped my students become leaders in community work. Sometimes it is just a matter of helping students become aware of needs that exist. Once they know the needs that exist, they use their enthusiasm and work ethic to get the job done.

## Project Timeline

When will you implement your project?

This is the first year we have made blankets, and as we have seen the value of this project, my students have developed a keen interest in showing love and support through the gift of a blanket. We want to start in late September to make our blankets and continue the project throughout the year.

## Plan for Evaluation

How will you evaluate student outcomes for your project?

I have my students write about what the project meant to them. I can also tell by the enthusiasm level at our business meetings that the project was worthwhile. We gave a blanket today to the husband of someone who has cancer and is in treatment at the Frontier Cancer Center. She was overcome and cried just thanking us and telling us that her husband would be so happy to know someone cared. When my students feel successful in their endeavors, they come back with more new ideas about how they can improve the project.

## Project Budget

Please explain how the funds from this grant will be spent to support your project goal. You can either type or upload a project budget to show how funds will be used. Please identify other funding sources if applicable.

I can get a blanket kit anywhere from \$7.50 if they are on sale and I have coupons to \$29.99 if not on sale. Ideally, we could get two new scissors @ \$16.50 each equals \$33.00, 48 blankets on sale @ \$7.50 equals \$360.00, and \$7.00 for fleece scraps which equals \$400.00. If we cannot find fleece kits or scissors on sale, it would be two new scissors @\$32.99, fleece scraps \$7.00, and twelve blankets @\$29.99 equals \$359.00 the overall total \$399.00. I have tremendous shopping ability, and I WILL get them on sale!

## Supervisor Approval\*

I have received approval from my supervisor to apply for this grant.

yes

## Attachment 1

Please attach any photos, pages from catalogs, or other documents below. This is completely optional.

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## Attachment 2

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## Attachment 3

## File Attachment Summary

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### ***Applicant File Uploads***

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