Applicant(s) and Grades	City, State	School Where Student(s) Attend(s)	Project Name and Description
Viviana Paredes - 2nd	Harlingen, TX	Stuart Place Elementary	**Being Kind Rocks:** Second graders at Stuart Place Elementary are cementing kindness into their school community! They are creating a vibrant Kindness Rock Garden near the playground, filled with stones painted with motivational messages and cheerful designs. This colorful installation will greet students, staff, and families every day, serving as a lasting reminder that even small acts of kindness can rock someone's world.
Bella Jordan - 2nd	Hermitage, TN	Andrew Jackson Elementary School	**Birthday Dreams Initiative:** A thoughtful second grader from Andrew Jackson Elementary is making sure every birthday shines bright! This project creates personalized "Birthday Boxes" for children in foster care and shelters who might otherwise miss out on a celebration. Packed with goodies and heartfelt notes, these boxes deliver a powerful message to every child who receives one: you are seen, you are loved, and you are celebrated.
Alexa Canty - 8th Elizabeth Edwards - 8th Maggie Stauffer - 8th Claire Pierpoint - 8th Magothy River National Junior Honor Society	Annapolis, MD	Magothy River Middle School	**Birthday Slay Box**: A group of students from the Magothy River National Junior Honor Society will create and decorate birthday boxes to give hope and memories to kids who live in foster care, are hospitalized, or are homeless. Through their project they will spread kindness and compassion to those who are less fortunate. They will get others involved as well by seeking donations and others to help create and distribute the boxes.
Grace Chisholm - 1st	Severna Park, MD	Folger McKinsey Elementary	**Blankets for Babies:** A 1st grader from Folger McKinsey Elementary is bringing warmth full circle! Returning to the Baltimore hospital where she was born, she is hand-making cozy fleece blankets for the facility's newest arrivals. Delivered just in time for the cold winter months, these gifts ensure the littlest patients stay snug, warm, and wrapped in love.
Charlie Davis - 8th	New York, NY	The Clinton School	**Books Beyond Letters:** An 8th grader from The Clinton School is turning the page on accessibility! By starting a book club using only dyslexia-friendly fonts, this student is ensuring the magic of a good story is available to all. This club offers more than just books—it offers a community where students can bond over shared experiences, replacing reading anxiety with confidence and connection.
Ruby Garcia-Osorio - 10th	Lincoln, DE	Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, Delaware	**Bracelets for Smiling Faces**: A 10th grader from Cape Henelopen High is weaving kindness into the community—literally! Leading a team of high school volunteers, this student mentors elementary kids whose parents are taking adult education classes. Together, they craft friendship bracelets stacked with positive words, giving the younger children a colorful, wearable reminder that they are capable, valued, and empowered.
Azul Giles - 7th Daniela Serrano - 7th Ruth Cersovsky - 7th	Springdale, AR	Helen Tyson Middle School	**Bright Beginnings Crew:** 7th graders from Helen Tyson Middle School are using their hands to heal hearts. Creating sensory fidget boards for children in VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) classrooms, they are providing much-needed comfort and focus for vulnerable peers. The kindness continues at home with creative craft packs and bilingual communication cards, bridging language gaps and encouraging screen-free play. It’s a holistic approach to support, ensuring children feel understood, occupied, and cared for, both at school and at home.
McKenzie Stewart - 10th	Baltimore, MD	Academy for College and Career	**Charm Love Teens:** Students from the Academy for College and Career are stepping up to provide tangible support to neighbors experiencing homelessness. By assembling essential personal care kits and packing festive holiday food baskets, they are delivering more than just supplies—they are delivering hope. This project spreads positivity where it’s needed most, ensuring everyone in the community feels seen and supported during the holiday season.

Salem Ortiz - 10th Evelyn Smith - 10th Jaylin Zuniga - 10th Ranya Jabal - 10th Sophia Strobach - 10th	Aberdeen, MD	Aberdeen High School	**Crafting Kindness:** Aberdeen High School students are turning their artistic talents into community support! In this new club, members meet three times a month to master new skills and hand-craft unique items with a special purpose. The twist? These beautiful creations are "thank you" gifts for donors! By showing proof of a donation to a featured local charity, community members receive a handmade treasure in return. It's a perfect circle of giving: raising funds, spreading awareness, and celebrating generosity with art.
William Huang - 8th	New York, NY	The Clinton School	**Custodian Work Awareness and Appreciation:** An 8th grader from The Clinton School is shining a spotlight on the school's hardest workers: the custodians! This initiative combines gratitude with action. Through eye-catching posters, the student is urging peers to clean up after themselves to lighten the custodians' load, while also delivering heartfelt notes of thanks. It's a campaign to ensure the staff who take care of the school feel cared for in return.
Mason Willoughby - 6th	Gambrills, MD	Crofton Middle School	**Eagle Eyes for Kindness Table:** A Crofton Middle School student is transforming the cafeteria with one mission: ensure no one eats alone. This designated "Kindness Table" offers a welcoming space for students and staff to connect and build new friendships through fun activities. To make sure no one is left behind, a special "Flight Crew" of student leaders will actively invite those sitting alone to pull up a chair. It's a proactive movement to ensure every student feels welcomed, valued, and part of the crew.
Finn Hammond - 8th Gordon Deal - 8th Davis Upton - 7th Penelope Pacheco - 7th Sofija Radojicic - 7th Annika Lindell - 7th Emiliano Carranza - 7th Na'lea Calderon - 7th	Los Angeles, CA	Irving Middle School	**Every Friend Was Once a Stranger: Games in the Library at Lunch!** 7th graders at Irving Middle School are making sure no student feels disconnected. Recognizing the need for genuine connection, they are launching "Friendship Stations" in the library during lunch. This initiative uses the universal language of board games to break the ice, offering a fun, safe space for students to put down screens, roll the dice, and build new friendships.
Isabella Leifert - 8th	New York, NY	The Clinton School, NYC	**Every Ride Matters**. An 8th grader from The Clinton School is making the concrete jungle a little friendlier and safer! Focusing on NYC cyclists, this project distributes "Safety Kits" packed with essential reflective gear, bike lights, and helmet reminders. Through accompanying educational flyers, the initiative drives home a powerful new perspective: following safety rules isn't just about the law, it is an act of kindness toward everyone on the road.
Raelynnn Burke - 4th Kybren Brown - 4th Christian Hudson - 4th Natalaya Mattox - 4th Tanner Waldron - 4th Scarlett Raines - 5th Cameron Thompson - 5th Ellie Smith - 5th Finn Sibold - 5th	South Charleston, WV	Richmond Elementary School	**Fishing for Fidgets**: New school nerves don't stand a chance at Richmond Elementary! To ensure every new arrival feels like family from day one, students are hand-crafting colorful, homemade fidgets. These sensory gifts serve a dual purpose: they provide a comforting tool to ease anxiety and offer a tangible reminder that the new student is welcomed, included, and cared for. It's a warm welcome that puts kindness right in the palm of their hand.
Kinsey McDonnell - 3rd	Muskego, WI	Bay Lane Elementary	**Flowers for Heros:** A Bay Lane Elementary student is proving that gratitude is always in season. This heartwarming project involves visiting a local Veterans nursing home to hand-deliver fresh flowers and personal words of thanks. By taking the time to connect with those who served, this student is ensuring our community's heroes feel honored, appreciated, and remembered.
Izzy Wolfe - 8th	Severn, MD	old mill middle north	**Fuzzy Friends (made from Kindness):** An 8th grader from Old Mill Middle North is adding a soft touch to school birthdays! She is hand-crafting unique "Fuzzy Friends" to personally gift to peers on their special day. This creative initiative ensures that students don't just get a "happy birthday," they get a tangible, handmade reminder that they are thought of and celebrated.

Elliott Meadows - 7th Markus LeMasters - 8th Kelsey Lawson - 5th Brianna Barger - 5th Gabriel McClanahan - 8th Mason Crawford - 7th	Eleanor, WV	George Washington Middle Hurricane Middle School Conner Street Elementary School Winfield Elementary School Sissonville Middle School Home Schooled	**Happy Camper Kits:** A dedicated team of students from Eleanor, WV, is on a mission to cure homesickness before it starts! This statewide project welcomes first-time 4-H campers with open arms, ensuring every new face feels safe, confident, and part of the family by providing each new camper with a welcome kit. Through teamwork and compassion, these students are transforming nervous butterflies into lasting smiles, proving that kindness is the best way to start a camp adventure.
William Lanham - 5th Zachary Lanham - 5th Lucas Passarella - 5th Dideolu Olusakin - 5th	Baltimore, MD	Francis Scott Key Elementary Middle School	**Homeless Helpers:** Over three Sundays, a team of 5th graders from Francis Scott Key Elementary will be hitting the streets to deliver vital food and water packs to 80 homeless neighbors near local stadiums and parks. They aren't just dropping off supplies; They are engaging in kind conversation to ensure everyone they meet feels seen and valued.
Rania Pride - 2nd	Ashburn, VA	Nysmith School	**Kindness Club**: A Nysmith School student is launching an after-school Kindness Club with a vision that goes far beyond the classroom. While members collaborate on service projects for their school and neighborhood, they are also compiling a legacy project: a "Kindness Club Guidebook." Packed with challenges, templates, and themes like "Gratitude Month," this resource empowers students at other schools to launch their own chapters. It's not just a club; it's a starter kit for a kindness revolution.
Abriana Beech - 5th Ariella Beech - 5th Wesley Cheeseboro - 5th Neveah Curtis - 5th Aniah Gray - 5th Selby Flemming - 5th Olive Schreiber - 5th Williow Moore - 5th Nora Rhodes - 5th Amish Gray - 5th Maddy Flateu - 5th	Baltimore, MD	The Green School of Baltimore	**Kindness In Every Basket:** Students at The Green School of Baltimore are ensuring that biology never gets in the way of learning. By stocking restrooms with accessible baskets of menstrual supplies, they are eliminating the stress and embarrassment of being caught unprepared. It's a practical, powerful move to normalize care, making the school a kinder, safer, and worry-free zone for everyone.
Gideon Blaes - 5th Cora Chinnis - 5th Trevor Phair - 5th Theodore Shu - 5th Peter Dennis - 5th Arnett Brooks - 5th	Baltimore, MD	The Green School of Baltimore.	**Kindness is Tasty**: Students from the Green School of Baltimore are turning Herring Run Park into a hub of generosity. Having noticed neighbors in need, they are installing a "Community Food Box"—a free, open-access mini pantry. Operating on the motto "take what you need, give what you can," this project rallies families and friends to keep the shelves stocked, ensuring the park remains a safe, helpful beacon of kindness for the community.
Michael Hatcher - 3rd	Sykesville, MD	Piney Ridge Elementary School	**Kindness Mural:** Piney Ridge Elementary is transforming a hallway into a collaborative masterpiece! In this all-inclusive project, every student is invited to pick up a brush and paint what kindness looks like to them. Capped with the word "KINDNESS" in bold letters across the top, this mural blends hundreds of individual visions into one beautiful, collective message of care.
Michaela Hall - 4th	Sykesville, MD	Piney Ridge Elementary School	**Michaela's Smile Project: Kindness Cards:** A Piney Ridge Elementary student is proving that big smiles come in small packages. This project distributes handwritten index cards filled with encouraging words to brighten days across the community. Designed to travel, these "kindness cards" encourage recipients to keep the joy or pass it along, creating a town-wide ripple effect of positivity.
Hope Miller - 5th	Baltimore, MD	Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School	**Operation Fairy Houses:** A student from Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School is building community—literally! She is crafting adorable "little houses" filled with tasty snacks and heartfelt notes to deliver to neighbors. These miniature care packages are designed to surprise and delight, bringing a sense of warmth and connection right to the doorstep. It's a sweet reminder that kindness is the foundation of a happy neighborhood.

Olivia Hylkema - 6th Theo Mergarian - 6th Eliana Pearson - 6th Grayson Ho - 6th Ethan Fullmer - 6th Elizabeth Macchia - 6th	Baltimore, MD	Hampstead Hill Academy	**Operation Toasty:** Hampstead Hill Academy students are ensuring no one is left out in the cold this season. Launching a community-driven winter clothes drive, they are asking neighbors to donate pre-loved items so others can find what they need, cost-free. By partnering with local churches to distribute the gear, they are turning outgrown coats and scarves into a lifeline, wrapping the entire neighborhood in warmth and generosity.
Isabella Fang - 11th	Rockville, MD	Thomas S Wootton HS	**Overflowing Tides, Overflowing Love**: To spread kindness, a student from Thomas S. Wootton High School will teach students how to stay prepared when facing natural disasters. The first part of this project is to create lessons to be presented to students in elementary or middle school through interactive sessions. The second part of the project involves creating flood disaster relief kits. The students will help in making the flood relief kits while learning about the use of each item. It's a fun and interactive way to learn and spread kindness to those going through difficult times.
Diya Gurav - 12th Kennedy Washington - 12th Julia Davis - 11th Haiden Davis - 11th Evy Jeter - 11th Joyce Chen - 10th	Simpsonville, SC	J.L. Mann High School Christ Church Episcopal School	**Pay It Forward:** Students from J.L. Mann High and Christ Church Episcopal are turning financial literacy into an act of kindness. By offering free, accessible workshops to youth in underserved areas, they are tackling economic instability head-on. This project bridges the gap, arming students with the knowledge to manage money, build confidence, and break the cycle of hardship for good.
Ella Bowcock - 11th	Garner, NC	West Johnston High School	**Petals of Purpose:** A West Johnson High student is bringing color and comfort to the corridors of the local hospital. To honor the tireless dedication of nurses and healthcare workers, this student is hand-delivering custom flower bouquets. Each arrangement is more than just a gift—it's a message. Paired with a note of encouragement and a button featuring Lady Bird Johnson's quote, "Where flowers bloom, so does hope," these bouquets serve as a daily reminder that our healthcare heroes are essential, appreciated, and deeply valued.
London Johnson - 9th	Halethorpe, MD	Carver Vocational Technical High School	**Project Hope in Kindness**: A Carver Vocational Technical School student is delivering compassion right where it's needed most. This project involves creating and distributing care packages filled with nourishing food and warm clothing for neighbors experiencing homelessness. By meeting essential needs with a personal touch, this student is proving that a helping hand and a warm heart can make a world of difference.
Zoey Field - 6th Jordan Miles - 6th	Crofton, MD	Wiley H. Bates middle school	**Project Party.** Middle school birthdays just got a major upgrade at Wiley H. Bates Middle School where students noticed that celebrations often fade after elementary school, so they decided to change that. They are assembling special birthday bags for every single student, including those with summer dates. It is a mission to make sure no one is left out and every student gets a reason to smile.
Josephine Moyer - 5th Sophie Wolf - 5th Molly Dayhoff-Treadwell - 5th Joshua Bessicks - 5th Sadie Salsbury 5th Sarah Neya - 5th Rory McCullagh - 5th Natalie Bragdon - 5th	Baltimore, MD	Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School Baltimore MD, 21230	**Project Potted Plants (PPP):** These students from Baltimore City want to show appreciation and kindness more than just once a year during "Teacher Appreciation Week." As these students said, "one week is not enough!" These students will hand paint (with help from peers) a small potted plant for each staff member in their school. Additionally, these students intend to give them to all staff members: nurses, lunch staff, janitors and administrators. They even chose easy to care for plants so that they won't die and will be an ever-present reminder of how appreciated each staff member is.
Jose Gomez - 7th David Guzman - 7th Zi'yona Morning - 7th Jadiel Batista - 7th Tiago Garcia - 7th	Baltimore, MD	Holabird academy	**Read it Forward:** Holabird Academy students are using their voices to comfort their peers. They are recording stories about kindness and emotions to populate a special "Kindness Corner" in the library. Using a Yoto player, students can visit this space to listen to books that validate their feelings and offer support. It is a welcoming retreat where every story reminds listeners that they are accepted and valued.

Roselyn Halvorson - 10th	Graham, WA	Bethel High School; Spanaway, WA	**Roselyn's Creative Choices:** A Bethel High School student is bringing the joy of art to 24 memory care facilities! Recognizing that standard supplies can be difficult or unsafe for residents with limited motor skills, she is using her grant to provide adaptive, resident-friendly tools. This upgrade ensures that every senior can express their creativity safely and participate fully in the fun.
Joshua Gibson - 8th Jaelyn Gibson - 10th Dwight Duncombe - 8th Daniel Duncombe - 5th Carson Montes - 8th Zephra Montes - 6th	Middletown, MD	Middletown High School Mt. Aetna Adventist Academy Homeschooled	**Shooting Stars Community Christmas:** Students from Middletown schools are bringing a symphony of kindness to the local hospital and family shelter. They are arriving with arms full of books, toys, and essential personal care items for the children. But the real gift is their presence. The students will stay to read stories, create crafts, and fill the room with festive guitar and ukulele carols. It is a heartwarming mix of melody, play, and practical support that ensures every child feels celebrated.
Paige Tracey - 5th Matthew Dennie - 5th	Westminster, MD	Westminster Elementary	**Step In for PE.** Westminster Elementary students are ensuring no one sits on the sidelines. Recognizing that unsafe footwear keeps some classmates out of the game, they are launching the "Step into PE" program. This initiative stocks a supply of proper athletic shoes for students to borrow during gym class. With a strict cleaning and hygiene routine in place, the program guarantees that every student has the gear they need to jump in, stay safe, and have fun.
Jennifer Rizak - 5th Anna Dzenetova - 5th Miriam Kovaliak - 6th Agnessa Protsiuk - 9th Pavel Lazar - 7th Dasha Dyachenko - 8th Matvii Kuryliuk - 7th Sofia Karmazeniuk - 9th Anna Pukish - 9th Matsvei Katsal - 8th	Carmichael, CA	John Adams Academy Sylvan Middle School Community Outreach Academy Middle School	**Stories and Smiles:** From reading storybooks to capturing smiles, 10 Carmichael, CA students are spreading joy across the city! Visiting four preschools to play with the little ones, and two senior homes to gift framed portraits to the elderly, this project connects our community's youth with its elders. It's a month-long celebration of stories, pictures, and the reminder that you're never too young—or too old—to share a little kindness.
Matan Giimburg - 5th Colin Karpewicz - 5th	Baltimore, MD	Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle	**Sunshine Citrus Delights:** State testing can be stressful, but students at Francis Scott Key are adding a little zest to the week! They are baking fresh citrus pastries to hand out to classmates during MCAP exams to lower anxiety and raise spirits. Ensuring no one is left out, they are also stocking gluten-free cookies for students with dietary needs. It is the perfect recipe for a calmer, happier testing season.
Aiden Van Norstrand - 3rd	Sykesville, MD	Piney Ridge Elementary School	**The Giving Magnets:** A Piney Ridge Elementary student is transforming lockers into beacons of hope! Every student will receive a custom magnet featuring a positive quote to greet them each morning. To go the extra mile, teachers are being equipped with special "magnet bags" to gift to any child having a rough day. It is a creative way to ensure that encouragement is always within reach and kindness really sticks.
Phoebe Hubbard - 4th Harrison Hubbard - 10th Phineas Richard - 9th Addison Slater-Harrington - 10th Charley Uttenreither - 4th Aislin Milo - 4th JJ Milo - 5th	Baltimore, MD	Medfield Heights Elementary Baltimore School of the Arts Baltimore Polytechnic Institute	**The Good Times Project:** Students from multiple Baltimore schools are whipping up joy for local families in need. They are assembling "Celebration Kits" tailored for holidays like Valentine's Day, Easter, and the 4th of July. Each package contains everything needed to bake a delicious cake plus a heartfelt handmade card. It is a sweet way to ensure financial struggles do not stop a family from celebrating life's special moments.
Ariana Prasad - 4th	Sykesville, MD	Piney Ridge Elementary School	**My Kindness Chain:** A Piney Ridge Elementary student is setting up a "Kindness Chain" station in the school cafeteria. Students and staff can create a link on the chain by writing a note of encouragement for other students and staff. The chain will be a daily visual reminder that kind words can change the world, one message at a time.

Jaasritha Gaddam - 5th Yesh Chava - 5th Olivia Fan - 5th Arina Sharma - 5th	Sykesville, MD	Piney Ridge Elementary	**The Kindness Charm.** Piney Ridge Elementary students are weaving positivity into the school day. They are hand-crafting bracelets, keychains, and special envelopes to gift to classmates and staff. These colorful tokens are being distributed to spark smiles and remind the entire school community that a little creativity can spread a lot of love.
Ryleigh Harris - 8th Charles James - 7th Laila Velazquez - 7th Rosalee Mendoza - 6th Ava Holloway - 7th Alicia Valentyn - 6th	Milwaukee, WI	Milwaukee Parkside School for the Arts	**The MAGICAL Power of Kindness:** Students from the Milwaukee Parkside School for the Arts will spread kindness to staff and the community by doing activities based on the books, “The Power of Kindness: My Magical Acts” and “The Sound of Kindness.” They will implement a KINDNESS WEEK inspired by the two books in February around Valentine's Day and World Kindness Day.
Evelyn Meisel - 8th Rowan Hice - 7th Aubrey Marino - 7th Sophie Jeromchek - 5th	Bismarck, ND	The Innovation School	**The Sunshine Squad:** Students from The Innovation School will spread kindness by planning monthly visits to Marillac Manor which is a retirement and assisted living community in Bismarck. The people who live there are sometimes lonely and don’t always get to see their families. The students will bring them joy, laughter, and kindness from kids in our community. They will plan different activities each month and demonstrate importance of connecting with others and spreading kindness across generations.
Anna Chisholm - 4th	Severna Park, MD	Folger McKinsey Elementary	**Toiletry Bags for Moms:** A Folger McKinsey student is looking out for the moms who hold everything together. Recognizing that mothers with children in the hospital often neglect their own needs, she is delivering special self-care bags. Packed with personal care essentials, these gifts offer a moment of relief and a gentle reminder that the caregiver deserves to be cared for too.
Neel Sood - 6th Sameer Sood - 6th	Bridgewater, NJ	Hillside Intermediate School	**Valentines for Seniors:** Two brothers from Hillside Intermediate are making sure Valentine's Day is cozy for everyone. After noticing that many seniors at the center they visit felt cold and forgotten on the holiday, they decided to act. They are hand-delivering soft blankets accompanied by personal "hearts of kindness" to the residents. It is a brotherly mission to ensure every senior feels wrapped in warmth and love.
Savannah Benton - 4th Kinley Beard - 5th Feilim Benton - 1st	Crofton, MD	Crofton Woods Elementary School	**We all WIN with Kindness**: These elementary students are turning compassion into a schoolwide habit with their new "Caught Being Kind" program. Instead of looking for trouble, they are keeping an eye out for good deeds! Any student spotted helping others receives a small reward to celebrate their choice. It is a fun, motivating way to prove to peers that kindness really pays off.
Nathan Willoughby - 4th Owen Willoughby - 4th	Gambrills, MD	Crofton Woods Elementary School	**Woodchuck Words of Kindness Mailbox:** Crofton Wood Elementary is bringing back the art of the handwritten note! A bright new Kindness Mailbox near the media center will soon be open for business. Students and staff are invited to drop in messages of encouragement for anyone in the building. To ensure those notes hit home, the "Smiley Chucks Delivers" team is on the job. These student couriers are handing out mail and guaranteeing smiles with every delivery.