Cardz for Kidz

Uplifting Spirits One Card at a Time!

Card Party Hosting Tips
Step 1: Gather art supplies

**Must Haves**
(Viewed by most as necessities)
- Card Stock
- Scissors
- Markers
- Glue Sticks

**Linear**
(The more options the better)
- Glitter Pens or Glitter Glue
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Magazines (for collages and/or cutting out words)

**Delighters**
(People may not expect it, but truly enjoy it)
- Stickers
- Jagged Edge Scissors (produce a zigzag pattern)
- Googly Wiggle Eyes
- Paint & Paint Brushes
- Standard Glue

**So What?**
(Interesting to some, but not everyone)
- 3D Stickers
- Stencils
- Decorative Tape
- Scotch Tape
- Hot Glue Gun

[Click here](#) to view the blogpost that highlights art supplies to avoid
Step 2: Things to Remember

- All cards **must be 100% handmade**
  - We are unable to deliver **store-bought cards**
- Holiday cards are great, but **we prefer cards that can be enjoyed by the recipients year-round**
- All artists should **sign the cards with their first name and location** (i.e. From, Angie in Ann Arbor, MI!)
- Encourage those who know multiple languages to **create cards in other languages**
- **Take pictures and screenshots of video conferences with artists making and holding their cards**

- **Uplifting Spirits is our main goal**, so our Golden rule is, to be sure that the cards have an **uplifting message** and do not refer to the condition of the patients.
  - Do not say things like, "Get well soon," "Stay Strong," or "Hang in there"
- **Please avoid religious references** as we cannot promise that they will be delivered room to room at each location
- **Please avoid fuzz balls and pipe cleaners** as they tend to not stick to the cards well and fall off during transit
  - Check out this [blog.post](#) for more info
Languages currently needed

There has been an increased demand for cards in **Spanish, Arabic, Somali, and Romanian**

- English
- Spanish
- Arabic
- Somali
- Russian
- Romanian
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Chinese - Mandarin
- French
- Portuguese
- Creole
- Samoan
- Polish
- Kinyarwandi
- Italian
Step 3: Package your cards

**Inside of the box/envelope**

- Include a note with your name/group name, email address, and the content of the package
  - **Coming soon**: Once your cards have been counted, you will receive an automated email confirming receipt of your cards
- Label and separate cards in different languages

**Outside of the box/envelope**

- The card maker's name and/or the affiliated group’s name in the return address; Please do not use acronyms
- **Package Contents**: general cards, cards for seniors, special delivery (first name), cards for veterans, holiday cards, etc.

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**Johnny Cardmaker**
12345 W. Cardz Ave
San Diego, CA 12345
Contents: General cards, cards for seniors, & veterans

**Cardz For Kidz**
516 N. Ogden Avenue #177
Chicago, IL 60642
Step 4: Send us your photos & cards

We love to showcase our artists to the world!

- Please email the following to photos@cardzforkidz.org:
  - Pictures of smiling artists holding their cards. These could be individual photos, in-person group photos, or virtual screenshots
    - Please note, these pictures may be used on our website, social sites, newsletter, and other promotional materials
- To be added to our Card Makers page include the following:
  - Your group/club name & logo
  - Desired landing page

Send completed cards to:

Cardz For Kidz
516 North Ogden Ave #177
Chicago, IL 60642
Where do we send the cards?

- Senior Living Facilities
- Hospitals
- Patients' Homes/Other
- Military Families
- Schools
- Foster Homes/ Non-Profits
...all across the globe

- 40+ countries
- 6 continents
- 40+ locations outside the US
- 15+ different languages
Contact us to learn more & help out

Web & Email

www.cardzforkidz.org
info@cardzforkidz.org

Social Media

Facebook
Twitter
LinkedIn

Hashtags

#UpliftingSpirits
#EveryCardCounts
#CFKVolunteer

Please visit our Get Involved page for additional volunteer opportunities.
thanks for all you do!