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

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[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
Design Thought Starters

Text Examples

PROCLAMATIONS & AFFIRMATIONS

- You Rock!
- You’re one in a minion
- Shine bright like a diamond
- Bee
  - Buzzing by to say Hi!
- Minions
  - You’re One in a Minion
- Cat
  - You’re Purrrrrfect

- Ninja Turtle
  - You’re Turtley Awesome!
- An Owl
  - OWL Always Love You
- Balloons
  - Have an Uplifting Day
- Pacman
  - You’re the Champion
- Hippopotamus
  - Hip Hip Hooray!

JOKES

- Why can’t Elsa from Frozen have a balloon?
  - Because she’ll "let it go", "let it go"
- What did the little corn say to the Mama corn?
  - Where is pop corn?
- What kind of tree fits in your hands?
  - A palm tree
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.
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

Hashtags

#UpliftingSpirits
#EveryCardCounts
#CFKVolunteer

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