



May 14, 2020

Dear Miss Gauthier, Mr. Robbins, Ms. Duran and all the fifth graders of Parker Core Knowledge,

I want to personally thank you for all the fun letters you wrote to the Rowan Community. Volunteers In Action printed your letters at our office and delivered them to the care facility the first week of May. Your teachers gave us permission to edit the greetings of your letters to "Dear Friend". We then printed them out two more times and sent your letters to Libby Bortz and to Littleton Care and Rehabilitation. Your work reached 3 times as many people! The residents and staff told us that your letters gave them lots of cheer, made them laugh, and helped them to move forward in strength! It made them feel so good that you all took the time to show how much you cared.

I want to make sure you know how you positively impacted this community! The residents of this community have not been able to leave their rooms, even for meals in the dining room, since March 13. They cannot have visitors or visit with anyone else in their building. They must stay in their small rooms. So you can imagine how they felt when they received a note, a story, a letter, a poem from a person who cares! You helped open up their world to give them a bit of joy. Your letter helped make that day different from all the long days of staying in one little room.

Thank you for sharing your stories, poems, personal thoughts with these communities. All of us at Volunteers In Action are touched that you would take the time to share, to write letters and to show love to people during this time of Coronavirus. Please consider helping your neighbors again, either by writing more letters or in other ways. There are so many people who need friends or a little joy. You and your school have certainly proven that there is great love and service in our city!

Thank you Parker Core Knowledge 5th graders and teachers! You rock!

Sincerely,
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