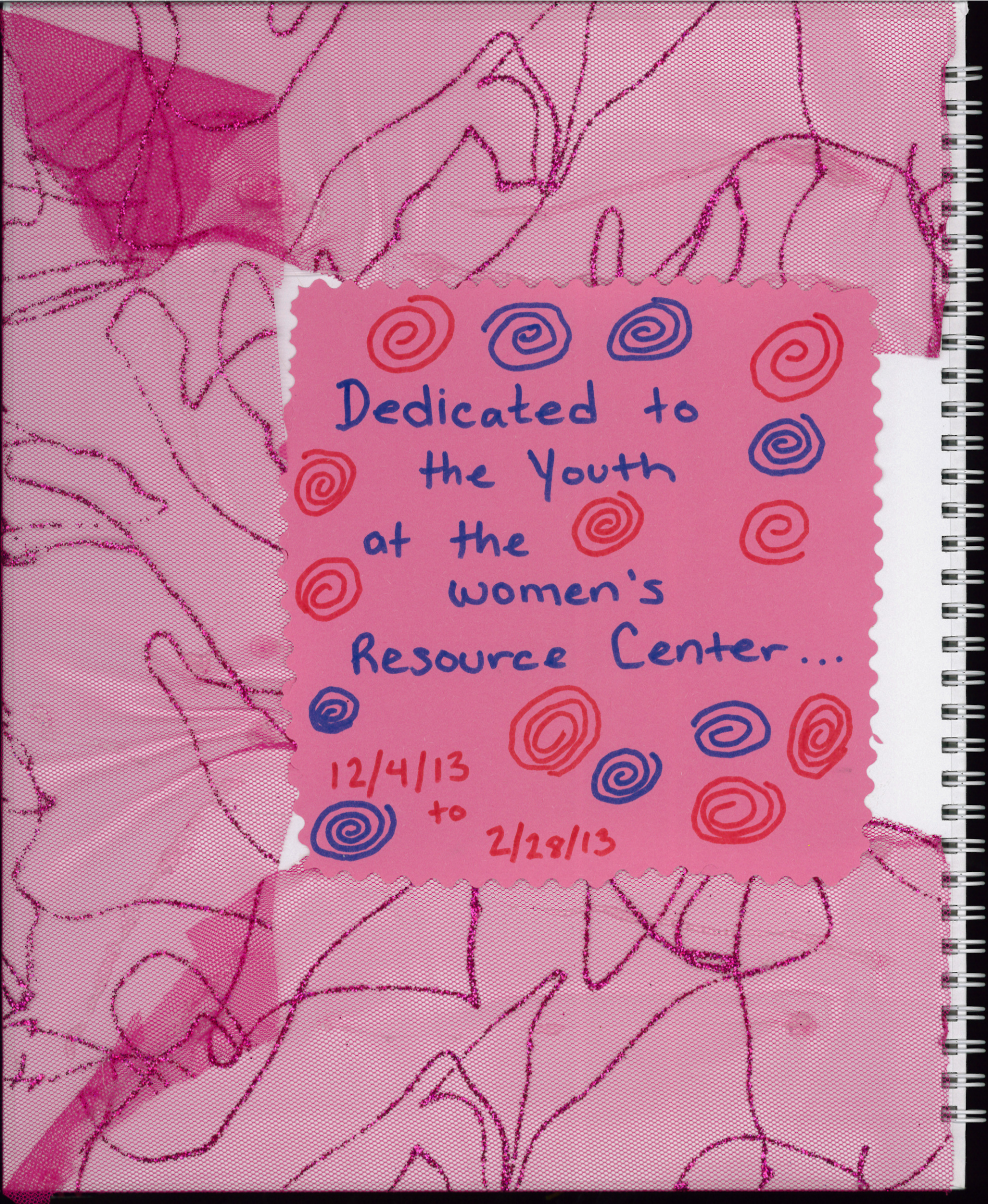


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Dedicated to
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at the women's

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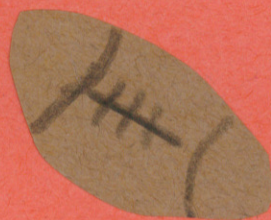
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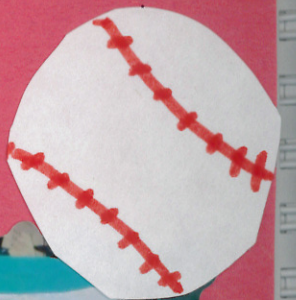






Fred





The Beginning:

We young adults at RFC were looking for a way to bond together, while helping others, in a creative way. We brainstormed ideas of projects we could do such as making t-shirts, making macramé bracelets and such. Finally, we came up with a project that would benefit others and also fun, while being creative: Tie blankets! We met with Jessica from United Way's YAR program before deciding this and were really motivated to start a project that would help our community.



The Process

Our young adult group at RFC really bonded while working on the project. It was fun for members to take trips to JoAnn Fabric to pick out different fabric patterns for the blankets. We called their store ahead of time to ask about any discounts. They loved the project we were doing and offered us a discount for our purchases.



Everyone caught on quick to the blanket making. As a team, we would line up the sheets of fabric so the corners were even and work together, cutting and connecting the strips.



So.... what's this all about?

This project is so much more than creating blankets. It may look like all we did was make 10 blankets but there's so much more behind them.

We realize that those children who are at Women's Resource Center are going through a hard time. During the winter time, they are living there; we wanted to give these kids some type of "love" to let them know they aren't forgotten and they appreciated.

By giving them a blanket, home made, that they can take with them during this cold time

we hope to give them a blanket to call their own. The thing behind this is that we are not asking for anything in return. We, members and staff, learned that the point of this was to do something great for the community and not want anything in return such as: gifts, social media recognition, or bragging of "look what we did". This was a humbling experience for us all. We learned that there are lots of struggles in the community, but knowing we could help 10 people can turn to 10 people who's struggle may feel a bit easier.





Fred

I learned that working together will help us improve our group.

We noticed that we see that there are people in need like the Women's Resource Center.

Our projects are successful and we never encounter any problems or difficulties

The project were fun and easy and it wasn't difficult.

I would still do same stuff with our last project like the blankets bec. there's nothing else to do with bec. it already has designs init

The best part of our project is that Ally joined the YAG

Completing the project felt like I did a good thing.

Clint

I learned that working as a team we can accomplish things quicker.

I learned that not everyone who lives in bad neighborhoods are bad people. Everyone has their struggles.

The project went really well, because we all worked together as a team. It went great and we had no problems.

The hardest part was trying to get everyone's schedules to fit.

I wouldn't change a thing if we did this again. The best part was making friends. I felt really useful.



Pizza Party!!!





Pizza Party!!!



Racine Friendship Clubhouse
Young Adult Group
2000 17th Street
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Heather, Lynelle and RFC's Young Adult Group,

On behalf of the clients of Women's Resource Center, I would like to extend our deepest thanks and gratitude for the wonderful fleece blankets that you gifted us with this winter. They were absolutely wonderful!

It was not just the blankets that we appreciated, but also the time and effort that were clearly put into the choice of materials, the time and talent that went into making the blankets, and even the beautiful way they were wrapped and presented to us. The most beautiful and meaningful part of the project was that we were able to tell the kids that another group in Racine made the blankets specifically with THEM in mind. We talked about how we all face some kind of challenge in our lives, whether it be mental health challenges, family violence issues, other challenge, but regardless of what we struggled with, we were still valuable and worthy of the care and kindness of other people. We also were able to talk about how good it felt to receive a gift that was made especially for them, and how it would feel to make a gift especially for someone else that was facing challenges. This project not only provided much needed blankets to our kids, it also provided them with warmth and caring from the Racine Friendship Clubhouse Young Adult Group, plus an opportunity to learn that regardless of what your situation was, you were a valuable and worthy member of our community.

Thank you so much for selecting Women's Resource Center for being the recipients of this kind and much needed gift.

With gratitude,

Katy

Katy Stephan-Cothell
Development Director
Women's Resource Center

