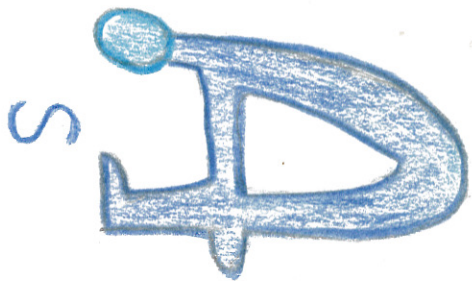
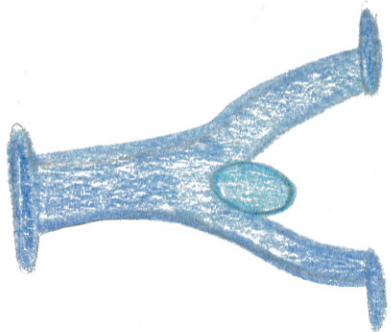


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Site-Based Program manager
Kismet Klub
- Our Dear Friends at Kismet Klub

San Juan Diego Middle School Project:
Kindness at the Kismet Klub

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... presenting the San Juan Diego Middle School Proposal for our service project at the Kismet Klub

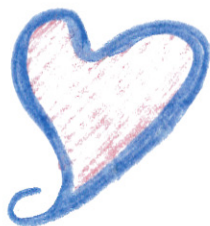
The proposed service program at the Kismet Klub benefits both the consumers at Kismet Klub and the students from San Juan Diego Middle School (SJDMS). The activities are designed to help the consumers achieve the following goals:

- . to experience the caring support of the SJDMS students;
- . to foster a feeling of self-confidence by successfully completing the crafts and projects described below;
- . to enjoy the interactions of the SJDMS'S students while playing dominoes, cards, bingo, etc.

The goals for the SJDMS'S students will include the following:

- . to develop greater awareness and appreciation of the needs of the consumers who are challenged mentally and to experience that despite their challenges they can enjoy the quality of life through the kindness of others;
- . to experience the good feeling of helping people and knowing that you can make a difference in their lives;
- . to design activities that would involve the consumers in a creative way;
- . to share the value of their experiences and their reflections with their classmates;

... Caring for the Racine Community



... getting to know our
friends at the Kismet
Klub



I learned so much during the four weeks of being with the mentally challenged people. They are just like us. They have very good stories about their journeys throughout life while being mentally challenged. They can talk a lot and it is fun to talk with them and to hang out with them. They feel sad when we have to leave them and come back to school.

From this experience I learned that I can be useful in many ways. I learned that you don't need to be afraid to interact with mentally challenged people. They are just like us. I learned that I can change the community by doing something for others. Watching them help each other was another good lesson for me.

... reflecting on my valuable
experiences at Kismet Klub

Jose C. Ferrer

... getting acquainted
while decorating
nametags



From my experience of being with the mentally challenged people at the Transitional Living Services Inc., I've learned that these people have stories about their lives and are not afraid to talk about their lives. They are fun to be with and they feel sad when we have to leave. They were also nice to everyone around them and they helped each other to finish their craft projects.

What I learned about this experience is that I can help my community by helping others. It made me feel good that I was making them so happy and that they were so excited to see us each week.

... reflecting on my
memorable experiences at
the Kismet Klub



Vidal Cerrantes

... learning about the lives
of our friends with mental
challenges



It was so rewarding to know how much the mentally challenged people appreciated that we took time to be with them. Like any other person, they loved to talk, laugh, and, enjoyed the activities we planned for them. Some of the people asked if they could have another wreath or nest for their children or relative. This showed me how much they love their families and how accepted they are by their families.

I learned about myself that I don't have to be scared to talk with mentally challenged people. It was great to talk with them and to get to know them better.

... reflecting on the lessons I
learned about the impressive
personal qualities of the mentally
challenged people

Malia
Towers
Moss

... sharing the excitement of
making name tags and
learning about the lives
and interests of our
friends at
Kismet Klub



Raylene
Bene

From my experience of interacting with the mentally challenged people at Kismet Klub, I learned that these people are like everyone else. They are appreciative and enjoy having people around them. They go through a lot and still stay strong.

A powerful lesson I learned from this experience is that I too can be a strong person and can do anything as long as I try.

Tie-dyeing: Mrs. Zuhlke's initiative
and Mr. Ed Hupp's
assistance



. enjoying our tie-dyed
shirts



... creating our Springtime
Wreaths



... learning to
play cards



... being
challenged
playing
dominoes

... enjoying a variety
of activities



... comments from our very special friends at Kismet Klub



Yes, I thought it was nice to have the students from San Juan Diego here. They reminded me of my own children. I felt very good and happy about them coming down here. Since I don't live with my children, seeing them and doing things with them was like being around my baby girl, Monique.



It was fun having the children from San Juan Diego here. They were fun to be around. I think they learned a lot from being here. I think they had fun being here and getting out of school!



I think that what the students had to share was very helpful to all the consumers and the activities were very educational. We would love to have them come from time to time.



I thought it was cool having the children from San Juan Diego with us. I enjoyed the time the students spent with us. I liked the activities.

I enjoyed the students very much. I enjoyed the activities. It gave me the opportunity to meet new people. I appreciate very much the time the kids took to come to the Kismet Klub.

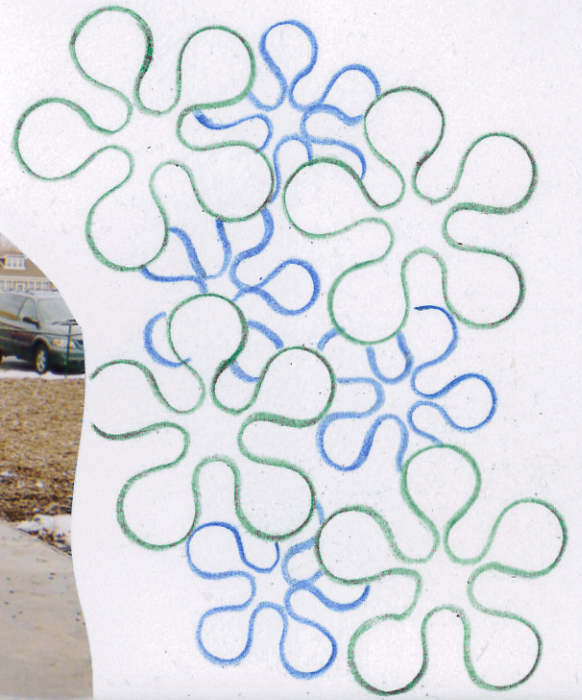


The children from San Juan Diego were very good mannered. They were polite and so ready to talk about their school. One or two talked about how different it was from the public schools. They had instruction about their religion. I liked how smart and dedicated they are. They were very respected of us and themselves. I really liked that they brought art work (ie.) tie dyed T- shirts and making name tags for everyone, too. It was a good idea to bring students here to the Kismet Klub.



I feel it was good for them to communicate with individuals with mental illnesses.

... sharing our experiences
with our classmates at
San Juan Diego Middle School



... extending heartfelt gratitude from the San Juan Diego
Middle School team for the opportunity to grow in our
understanding, love, hope and promises for our mentally
challenged friends at Kismet Klub and other people
with challenges throughout the City of Racine !!!

Yong C. Brown

Raylene
Bueno

Shirley J. Heck
Mala
Tong

Vidal
Cervantes

Ekup



...exceeding our expectations
and goals



SURVEY GIVEN TO THE FOUR STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

On a scale of 1 – 4 , how would you rate these goals in terms of yourself ?

- 1 = Nothing gained in this area;
- 2 = Gained a little in this area;
- 3 = Gained some in this area;
- 4 = Gained substantially in this area.

1. Developed a greater awareness and appreciation of the needs of the consumers who are challenged mentally.

1	0
2	0
3	1
4	3

2. Experienced that despite their challenges, mentally challenged people can enjoy the quality of life through the kindness of others.

1	0
2	0
3	0
4	4

3. Felt the good feeling of helping people and knowing that you can make a difference in their lives.

1	0
2	0
3	0
4	4

4. Rate the value of this service project.

1	0
2	0
3	0
4	4