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Experience Elective #1

MLK Day of Service

On Jan 16th, 2017 I participated in MLK Day of Service at Minnesota State Mankato. I arrived at 2:30 and stayed until it ended at 4:00 pm. At the event they had several things to do including: blanket making, painting birdhouses, and making valentines for kids and veterans. I found the event to be a little disorganized and at first wasn’t sure what I was supposed to be doing but eventually I found myself at a table with card supplies where I made valentines for kids at Gilette Children’s Hospital. I did this the whole time I was there and got to meet some new people who are in my class and have some interesting conversations.

It was really rewarding knowing that I had the chance to brighten someone’s life with the simple act of making them a valentine. I enjoy scrapbooking and found the card making to be right up my alley. I am a member of the Honor’s Student Council and am required to plan a service event at some point so I think I am going to organize making valentine’s for veterans. Attending MLK Day of Service gave me a good idea of how to organize that event and where to send the valentines. Overall, I enjoyed the experience and appreciated that it was so close to home. I plan on participating again next year and look forward to it!