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Sigma Chapter Provides Christmas Book Bags for Open Gate Homeless Shelter

As an ongoing yearly project, Sigma Chapter, Area VII, provided sixty Christmas book bags for the Open Gate Homeless Shelter in Dinuba last December. Each bag contained three to four age-appropriate books, as well as coloring books, crayons, word hunt books, flash cards, school supplies, and a toy. These attractive bags went to at-risk children in hopes that the books would be read and reread and perhaps shared with siblings.

The shelter had an unusually large need this year due to the economy, and the bags were even more welcome than ever. Constructed of tough cotton fabric with handles so that the recipients could use them for other purposes, the bags had a picture of a cute "hedgehog student" on the side and "Sigma Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma" printed on the bottom. The silk screening was done by students at Dinuba High School who are taught by a Sigma Chapter member.

Many members of Sigma donated items for



Mary Ellen Woodcock and Kathy Clark separating the school supplies for the bags.



Jean Gerstenberg, Jean Gardner, Mary Ellen Woodcock, Kathy Clark, and Barbara Coddington with completed bags.

these bags, and the chapter also set aside funds for this project. The Chapter also received monetary donations to purchase items for these Christmas book bags. Happily, The LIFE Foundation has been able to help fund this very worthy, annual project that brings so much joy to those in need, and inspires a love of reading in young children.

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