

Theta chapter's focus this year is on spreading the word about all we do in hope of getting some new working teachers and others to become members! We are inviting guests to attend interesting programs in October and November.

We started the year with a bang by providing one of our schools with a complete unit to us in their reading classes written and prepared by some Theta members.

The book was written by Paul Greci, a local teacher in our district, and is called "**Surviving Bear Island**". This unit will involve 120 students and 4 teachers.

Some of our members will be in the school working with the teachers and students as volunteers. This is a project that has the potential of spreading to other schools in our district.

A second project already completed was from a teacher in Elementary school who asked for help for her kindergarten class. She needed 21+pillows and fleece blankets made for her kids. Several of our members volunteered and either sewed, bought supplies or have volunteered to help put them together with the kids in the classroom. The project was completed in less than 2 weeks and now we are waiting to help in the classroom.

We still begin the year with new Bus signs for the school district, new Nursery Rhyme books for all babies born in Fairbanks, and begin our collections for the Door, our Youth(12-18) shelter that is growing in numbers and scope daily. Some of us volunteer to help do the Spring Cleaning when needed as well as collect food and supplies to donate.

Our grants to teachers through our one page application, for up to \$500 per described project for school/classroom have already been sent out and are due the beginning of November. At our meetings in February and March those awarded grants present their projects and have time to meet Theta members.

We are well known in the schools as providing that financial aid for our teachers, aides, secretaries and almost anyone that works with kids.

Last year, with their permission we filmed many of the grant recipients as they presented. The filming was done by a graduating student from Hutchinson Career Center as one of her final projects. I have received both video and pictures. and we will be working on a public information presentation after we receive grant applications in November. This should help with our exposure in the community.

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