

## My Card Ministry

I started just making cards for my family before I came to Ohio, then I really got started when I took a class my first year in Ohio (2007) from a Stamping-Up Demonstrator two classes and I was hooked. Still just making a few cards for the family.

In 2011, I read about "Operation Write Home". Located in the state of Washington, it was a non-profit organization designed to ship handmade cards to our deployed service men and women. Cards were sent to "Operation Write Home" where thousands upon thousands were sorted and divided into different categories ---repackaged and shipped out. They also shipped to the U.S.O, Red Cross, and to contractors. even to our ships at sea, anywhere our military was, Afghanistan, Iraq, Germany, and Pakistan just to mention a few. What a blessing it was for me to know that I touched so many hearts of wives, husbands, and children. What a blessing I received just doing what I felt God wanted me to do. From 2011 until the middle of 2014, I had sent 724 handmade cards out along with any hero letters. Several of my cards were featured on their website.

By the end of 2014, a lot of our military were coming home, the need for cards decreased. This was a great organization, I was so blessed to be a part of it.

During the same time period each Christmas I made and gave 100-125 cards to the residents of Logan Acres to use for their family and friends. I've also done Veterans Day cards two years in a row for Green Hills. I love sending or giving out cards that make others happy.

Remember, "The heart that gives also gathers".

I needed to find a new organization so I could continue my ministry. So in 2015 I found a website called "Cards for Hospitalized Kids" it's an internationally recognized charitable organization that spreads hope, joy, and magic to hospitalized kids across America. These cards are sent to children's hospitals in 50 states and every Ronald McDonald's House. Again, my ministry continues. In 2015-2016 I sent out a total of 514 cards.

As some of you know, the Kitchen Band was also on my Christmas list last year.

Right now, I'm working on Christmas cards and everyday cards for kids, as well as a supply for my own use. I hope my card ministry will continue to bring blessings, smiles, hope, and encouragement to everyone they touch. I'm so thankful that I can still be a blessing to someone.

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*See reverse side for photos of cards.*

