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## NCL recognizes holiday volunteers

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National Charity League, Acalanes Area Chapter (NCL, Inc.), announced Jan. 22 that 125 member volunteers logged over 250 hours this holiday season helping local seniors by delivering holiday gifts and cards. Through their volunteerism, fundraising and donations, the Acalanes Area NCL has made a positive impact on the lives of many people in need.

This year has been challenging for everyone, but it has been particularly devastating for local senior citizens. The steep mortality rate of COVID for the higher age groups has kept them away from attending community events with friends, seeing family and sharing meals with their loved ones. Sadly, many seniors in the community spent this holiday season alone.

National Charity League, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter wanted to put a smile on these local seniors' faces this holiday season. NCL, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter, along with the Lamorinda Chapter and the Boy Scouts, decided to spread some holiday cheer by brightening the lives of these seniors through volunteerism. The "Spread Holiday Cheer for our Seniors" volunteer opportunity was well received. Volunteers bought and prepared a gift of a holiday poinsettia or plant and wrote individual kind notes of cheer, designed holiday cards or created original artwork. Plants and cards were hand-delivered (with COVID precautions observed) to area residents. To say the least, local seniors were thrilled with the holiday surprise. NCL, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter will surely make this a yearly tradition for local seniors and continue this wonderful volunteer opportunity for members.

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