

Giving at Thanksgiving

Grand Concourse SDA Vanguard of Orion Adventurer Club



For most families, Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on everything received, and to show gratitude for all God's blessings. Unfortunately, for sick patients who have no families nearby to visit them, and many families who experience loss and tragedy, thanksgiving can be a sad and lonely day and they cannot enjoy the many festivities associated with thanksgiving.

It is with this in mind that on Sabbath, November 23, 2013, between 11am to 3pm, The Grand Concourse Vanguard of Orion Adventure Club hand delivered Thanksgiving Personalized Fruit Baskets with the bible text 3John 1:2 and the words **"When I count my blessings, I count you twice! Happy Thanksgiving!"** to the sick and shut in. The weather was unfavorably cold, but that did not deter our Little Lamb, Eager Beavers, Busy Bee, SunBeam, Builder and Helping Hand from warming the hearts of loved ones. We visited three (3) homes, four (4) nursing homes and one (1) hospital in the South Bronx, North East Bronx and Yonkers Area. The adventurers were very enthusiastic in this venture and never complaint of hunger, fatigue or boredom, but instead they were excited in sharing bible verses from memory, singing songs and praying. They kept the momentum right through and eagerly anticipated the next visit.

Although some patients were alone and spent the day in their homes, hospitals, or nursing homes, their facial expressions revealed their sincere gratitude which flowed through tears of joy and happiness. They will always remember that indelible moment just knowing that they were remembered and loved.

A total of sixteen (16) Adventurers were accompanied by Director Trevor Bonney, Assistant Directors Winsome Maxell-Gooden, Agatha Irish, Merlene Rawlins and Parents Maxroy Mitchell, Timothy Madray and Gary Mitchell. Please pray for our adventurer club as we continue to fulfill God's commission to visit the sick, care for the less fortunate, and share his love in our community. Because Jesus Loves Me, I will Always Do My Best.