

Crafts and Conversations

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Project Overview

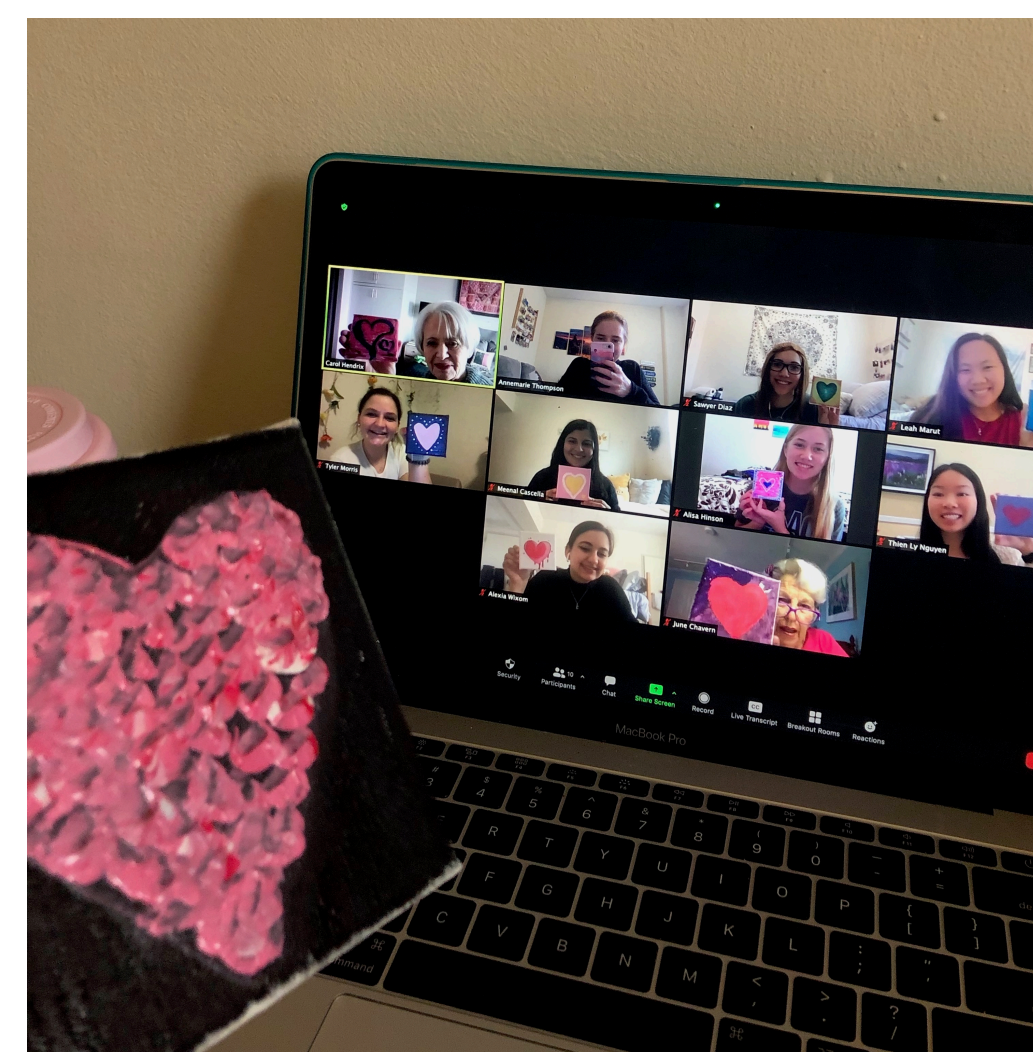
“Crafts and Conversations” was established to foster community between students at TCU and the residents of a local retirement facility, Trinity Terrace. Through monthly Zoom meetings during the height of the pandemic to masked in-person gatherings at Trinity Terrace, TCU undergraduate students and residents at Trinity Terrace could talk amongst each other while constructing a craft whether that be painting Halloween pumpkins or crafting a winter holiday snow globe. By volunteering in leading these crafts, TCU students have had the chance to build meaningful relationships, improve upon their communication skills in a group dynamic, and address preconceived stereotypes about the elderly. Prior to each craft, each meeting opens with a musical performance that has allowed TCU undergraduate musicians to cultivate and share their craft as well. This project has helped give residents at Trinity Terrace an outlet for social connections through crafts and conversations. Through a commitment to sustainability, “Crafts and Conversations” with Trinity Terrace will endure as a lasting legacy through a crew of committed volunteers who have grown as student leaders by strengthening the Fort Worth community and enriching the lives of the residents at Trinity Terrace.

Background

- Community Partner: Trinity Terrace
 - Representatives: Behka Hartmann & Carol Stanford
 - Logistics Coordinators: Ruby Ramirez & Daniel Mancillas
- TCU Pre-Health Institute
 - Founder- Annemarie Thompson
 - Volunteer Coordinator & Graphic Designer: Rima Abram
 - Special Events Coordinators: Allison Regan & Gretel Jordan
 - TCU Mentor: Jill Duncan

Goal:

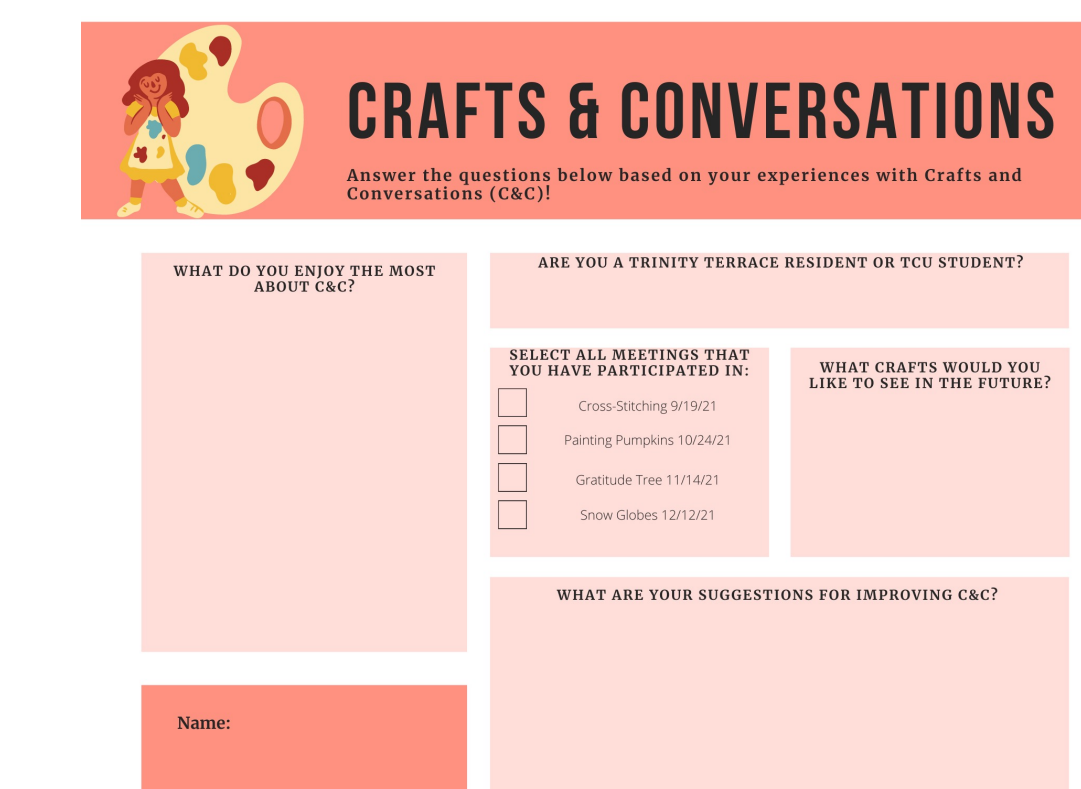
- Foster social connections amongst Trinity Terrace residents & TCU Students



Project Description

Ten Monthly Craft Meetings

- Valentine’s Day Heart Mural (02/26/21)
- Start of Spring- Succulents (03/19/21)
- Watercolor Stationary (04/16/21)
- Falling into Cross-stitching (09/19/21)
- Painting Halloween Pumpkins (10/24/21)
- Gratitude Tree (11/14/21)
- DIY Snow Globes (12/12/21)
- Painting Garden Rocks (02/27/22)
- Leprechaun Hats (03/27/22)
- Planned Spring Terrariums (04/24/22)



Accomplishments

- Donated craft supplies from meetings & Pre-Health Storage to the Welman Project

Survey:

- What do you enjoy the most about C&C?
 - 100% wrote “Conversations”
- 100% Return Rate
- Suggestions for improvement
 - Expand TCU Advertising beyond Pre-Health

Sustainability plan:

- Expand Outreach (e.g. What2Do@TCU.edu)
- Student Leader- Rima Abram
- Workbook of Past Crafts & Volunteer Responsibilities



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