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SERVICE NEED

At an Aktion Club meeting, a representative of Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha ([happybirthdaychachacha.org](http://happybirthdaychachacha.org)) introduced us to their organization, a 501.C3 that provides birthday gifts to low income children at schools that are considered below the poverty line. We decided to sponsor a class at a local inner-city primary school, make birthday cards for the students, and host a gift wrapping party.



PROJECT PLAN

The planning process for this service project included several discussions with the members. The Brighton Aktion Club discussed poverty and why some children may not receive a birthday gift. We brainstormed ways that we could assist Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha. Once the group decided on creating birthday cards, we determined where to get the materials, how many to make, and different style ideas. We also decided to host a gift-wrapping party at CP Rochester and invite family members and Brighton K-Family members to assist.



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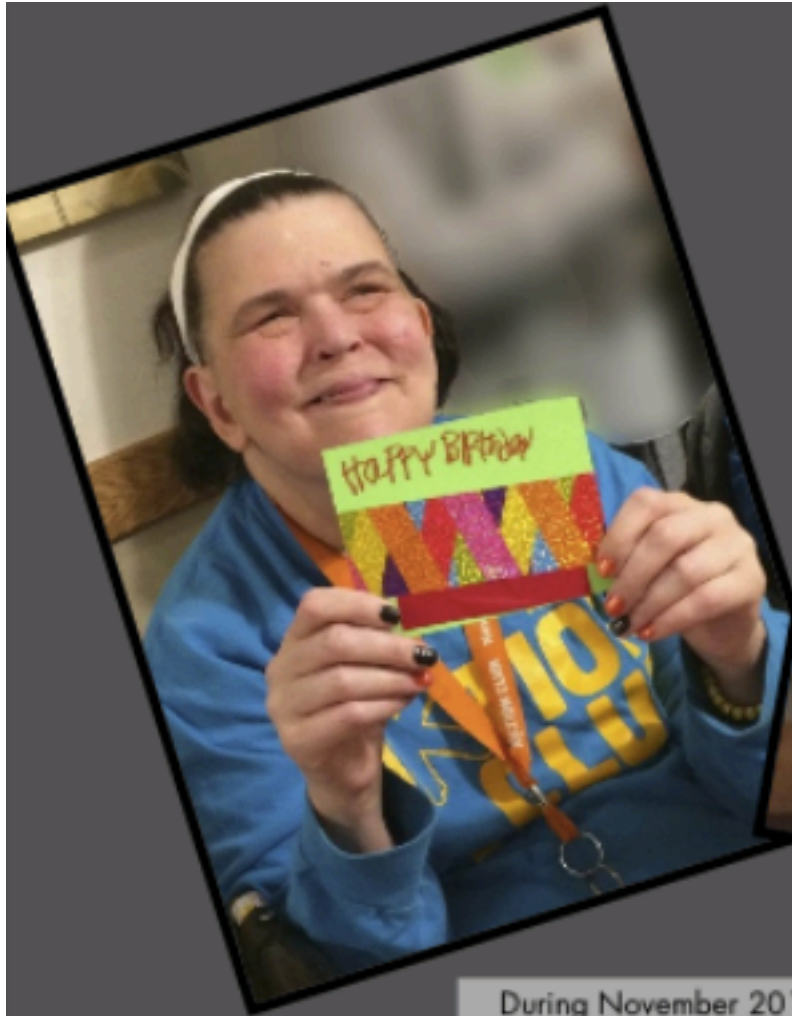


## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

This single service project consisted of 6 one hour meetings throughout the winter. We showed our Abilities in Aktion through planning, brainstorming, decorating, writing, wrapping and organizing: In October 2019, all Aktion Club members participated in the project discussion and brainstorming for the birthday cards. During November 2019, the Brighton Aktion Club members used washi tape, stickers and markers to decorate over 200 birthday cards.

We wrote various birthday messages on the cards with the assistance of the Harley School Key Club members. On February 12th, the Aktion Club members hosted a birthday gift wrapping party at CP Rochester and invited members of the Brighton Kiwanis Club, University of Rochester Circle K, RIT Circle K, Harley School Key Club & Brighton High School Key Club as well as their family members. We invited a member of Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha to speak to the group about their organization and partnering with us.

Aktion Club members selected gifts and pieces of wrapping paper to cut. We measured the size of paper to the toy and taped it together. The members' favorite part was working with their Brighton K-Family to personally wrap over 50 birthday presents! In early March 2020, the 200 cards and 50 gifts were donated to second graders at RCSD School 22. With additional funding from Brighton Kiwanis, we were not only able to sponsor a class at School 22, but an entire grade!



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Happy Birthday To You

Cha Cha Cha

# Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha Inc.

Bringing Birthday Joy to Children in Need...  
One Classroom at a Time

[www.HappyBirthdayChaChaCha.org](http://www.HappyBirthdayChaChaCha.org)








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Happy Birthday ... Send Message Like 

We are so proud and grateful for the support of the Brighton Kiwanis Club! The club made a significant donation that enabled us to expand to ROOM No. 22 this year!

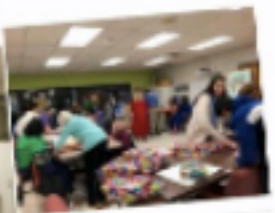
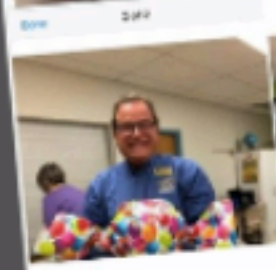
Not only that, but volunteers from Brighton Kiwanis, the Brighton Aktion Club, Harkley School Key Club, Brighton HS Key Club and the BPT Circle K all came together to wrap gifts for over 50 local children in need.

This event makes me so proud of this community!

Special shout out to Jaime Neuringer for organizing!

## Brighton Kiwanis Family Wraps Gifts for Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha

Wednesday, February 12, 2020



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3 Comments

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### NY District Aktion Club Highlights



**Brighton Aktion Club Wraps Birthday Gifts for Children**

Feb 12, 2020

On Wednesday, February 12th, members of the Brighton Aktion Club, along with the Brighton Kiwanis Family wrapped birthday gifts for Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha. The organization, Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha, awards birthday gifts to low income Rochester City School District elementary school students.

The community learned about Brighton Aktion Club's Abilities in Aktion through our posting photos and project information on the our website, the CP Rochester website, Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha Facebook page, & the NY District Aktion Club Facebook page.

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#### FINAL RESULTS

As a result of this project, the Brighton Aktion Club created over 200 birthday cards and wrapped 50 birthday gifts! Our Abilities in Aktion were displayed when the entire second grade at School 22 received gifts for their birthdays this year!



#### PUBLIC AWARENESS

Every birthday card had a Brighton Aktion Club logo on the back. The community learned about Brighton Aktion Club's Abilities in Aktion through our posting photos and project information on the our website, the CP Rochester website, Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha Facebook page, & the NY District Aktion Club Facebook page. Members of Brighton Kiwanis Club, University of Rochester Circle K, RIT Circle K, Harley School Key Club & BHS Key Club as well as CP Rochester family members assisted the Aktion Club with the birthday project & learned about the abilities of our club members.

#### MEMBER IMPACT

From this project, all twelve Aktion Club members showed our Abilities in Aktion by learning about teamwork, leadership, compassion, and the importance of the helping low income young children in our community receive a birthday gift and card. Also, we had a great sense of accomplishment, as well as the satisfaction using our own skills and abilities to design birthday cards and wrap presents.



Club Single Service Project entry form!

PARTICIPANT/AKTION CLUB MEMBER NAME Geraldine Copeland, Secretary

Aktion Club Name: Aktion Club of Brighton

District Name: New York

AC Charter Number: 000483

CLUB ADVISOR NAME: Tina Bennett

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City/State/Postal Code: Rochester, NY 14623

Phone/email: TBennett@cprochester.org

KIWANIS CLUB NAME: Kiwanis Club of Brighton K02481

KIWANIS ADVISOR NAME: Jaimie Neuringer

Address: 21 West Squire Drive #7

City/State/Postal Code: Rochester, NY 14623

Phone/email: 302-540-2983 secretary@brightonkiwanisclub.org

**SIGNATURES:**

(Signatures grant permission to promote contest winning entries on Kiwanis-family websites and publications.)

Club president signature: X

Club secretary signature: Geraldine

Club advisor signature: Tina Bennett

Kiwanis advisor signature: Jaimie Neuringer

District administrator signature/Kiwanis district: Jaimie Neuringer

Submit to district administrator no later than September 15.  
Late entries will not be eligible.



Pat says "It means a lot that I helped kids get a birthday present in our community"



Chris says "I liked seeing the huge pile of presents that we wrapped"

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**ACTION CLUB**  
**of Brighton**

