

Holiday Helpers

The holidays provide an excellent opportunity for Jeremiah to reach out to kids whose school schedules prevent them from accessing our regular after school programming. This winter holiday provided just such a time for teen girls from group foster care homes operated by Friends of Children and Families. One group participated the week before Christmas. The pottery wheel is always a teen favorite and this time was no exception. The girls were amazed and delighted as they transformed a wet ball of clay into a beautiful bowl. Using their hands and imaginations, the girls decorated and glazed pre-formed ceramic plates.

New and returning students participated in a second session during New Year's week. Previous pottery projects were completed, while new students decorated glazed bisque-ware of their own choosing. Students also had the opportunity to spend time in the computer lab working with digital apps like kaleidoscope and Instaface where they transformed selfie photos into their favorite animal face.

In total we were able to serve 10 girls from two group foster care homes, providing them with the opportunity to explore new forms of creative expression, and hopefully giving them a sense of deep personal satisfaction.

