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Queen of Martyrs students assemble Easter packs



Queen of Martyrs students Kelly Rice, Sofia Rivera, Evan Hoffbauer and C. C. McGreal joined Mercy Circle residents recently to prepare Easter backpacks for 45 homeless children and teens living at Margaret's Village. (Marc C. Monaghan)

For the sixth year, generations united to spread hope and the spirit of the Easter holiday with homeless youngsters and teens in families experiencing homelessness. A crew of seventh graders from Queen of Martyrs Catholic School in Evergreen Park joined residents of Mercy Circle to fill colorful backpacks with toys and books, journals, pens, personal gifts and candy, along with toothpaste and toothbrushes donated by Perfect Smiles — Beverly.

The backpacks were distributed to 45 young people who are living with their families at two shelters operated by Margaret's Village. The goal of the effort was to show the children they are not alone and that others care about them, according to a news release from Mercy Circle.