



Dear Parents,

*Little Hands Make a Big Difference!*

During this time, which is challenging for everyone, we are hearing that residents in nursing homes are facing particular difficulty. The rate of COVID infection inside these homes is among the very highest and, due to this, many places have cut off outside visits, group gatherings and activities, and shared mealtimes. Residents are facing loneliness, isolation, and confusion. **Your jkids can help bring some smiles to these community members by sharing drawings and letters with them.**

This activity corresponds with the Jewish value of *Gemilut Hasadim*, which literally means “the giving of loving-kindness.” We can also think of it as *Chesed* (the caring we bring to members of our community), and as *Kehillah* (a commitment to community).

**Our goal is to send 100 letters to residents of nursing homes by the end of January.** Please print this template, help your children fill it out, and send it to us. We will package them all up and make sure they get delivered to several different facilities across greater Philadelphia.

Make sure to comment on our Facebook page or shoot us an email at [rmatthews@jewishlearningventure.org](mailto:rmatthews@jewishlearningventure.org) to let us know you’ve sent your letter off; we’ll keep a running tally online.

With love,  
the jkidphilly team

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You can send your completed letter to us by January 20, 2021 in one of two ways:

**Mail to:**

Robin Matthews  
Jewish Learning Venture  
261 Old York Road, Suite 720  
Jenkintown, PA 19046

**Email a scan or photo of it to:**

[rmatthews@jewishlearningventure.org](mailto:rmatthews@jewishlearningventure.org)



Dear Friend,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

I wanted to send you this letter to brighten your day.

One thing I like to do for fun is \_\_\_\_\_

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Here is a picture I drew for you. I hope that it makes you smile.

Your friend, \_\_\_\_\_

