

PROJECT GRAD LOVE



Project Type: Neighbors 🏠

Age Requirements: 18+ or 5+ with guardian help

Details: Make cards for the graduating seniors in your neighborhood! Graduating seniors are missing out on the usual fanfare of their graduation- so wouldn't it be great if our neighborhoods could rally around them instead? This project does require connecting with your neighbors- so it's a great opportunity to make new friends while supporting the youth in your community! For every volunteer spot you sign up for, please plan on contributing 3-5 cards.

INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT KIT

- Project Guidelines
- Card Guidelines
- Invite Letter Template
- Social Media Invite Post Template
- Graduation Card Template
- 1/2 Page Bundle Cover (Front)
- 1/2 Page Bundle Cover (Back)

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PROJECT GUIDELINES

- **Choose 2-5 High School Graduates** in your neighborhood to send a Card Bundle (5-10 Cards) to.
 - Option: To easily find graduates in your neighborhood, scout out the homes with Graduation Yard Signs on them.
- **Download** the **Invite Letter** to distribute. You can make your own, but please make sure you include the **Card Guidelines**. A word doc version is available on ACTIONvc.org/resources.
- **Distribute** the **Invite letter** to your street/neighborhood between June 1st- 5th. (Skip the homes that the letters are going to- you want it to be a surprise!) There are many ways to spread the word:
 - Print the letter and put it in mailboxes: The more people you get to participate- the more cards you can send out!
 - Email the letter. Use the **Social Media Invite Letter**.
 - Post the letter on Social Media/ Next Door app. You will have to download the Next Door app (if you don't have it already) but this a great way to get the word out while remaining in your direct neighborhood!
- **Make your batch of cards.** Please make at least 3-5 cards. Better yet, get your family involved and make even more! Please follow the **Card Guidelines** below.
- **Collect cards by June 10th.** That way, you can have a day to organize and bundle the cards for each grad. Again, please make sure every graduate you choose gets at least 5-10 cards.
- **Add the double-sided Bundle Cover** to each group of cards.
- **Drop off cards on June 12th-** that's the day of graduation!

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CARD GUIDELINES

- **The more cards you can make the better!** We want to make sure every graduate gets at least a 5 card bundle. Get your family involved and make even more!
- **Cards must be legible and handwritten.** No worries if you're not artistic- make your cards as what you'd like to receive.
- **Give a heartfelt note.** Take the time to impart some wisdom, encouragement, and celebration to the grads- who are embarking on an uncertain future in an uncertain time! Give them a piece of advice, let them know we are proud of them, and let them know their community loves them! Not sure what to say? Check out the [Project Grad Love Letter Template](#) on ACTIONvc.org/resources.
- **Keep it Generic.** Your card may be going to your next-door neighbor, or it may be going to a neighbor a block away- please keep your card applicable to all.
- **Envelope your letters** if you can! It's so much nicer to open up an enveloped card, don't you think? Leave your enveloped letters unsealed and unstamped and put them in a larger envelope or box.
- **Have your cards ready on time!** Please make sure they are handed off to your Project Grad Love Captain (unless that is you) by June 10th, 2020 in order to be delivered by graduation on June 12th.
- **Share your act of kindness!** We love seeing photos of your volunteering, and it helps promote our work more than you know. If you tag us [@action_vc](#) and use [#lovevc2020](#), your photo will be entered in a drawing to win a \$30 amazon gift card!

HEY NEIGHBOR!

My name is _____
and I live in your neighborhood at _____.

June 5th- 7th, I am taking part in LOVE VC, a weekend of virtual volunteering, hosted by local nonprofit, [ACTION VC](#). I am participating in a card project for the high school graduates living in our very own neighborhood and I would love your help! We love our seniors and want them to know how proud we are of them. Although circumstances may be a lot different than we expected, let's join together in celebrating the class of 2020!

Please join me in making a few cards of encouragement, advice and celebration to pass along to each of the graduating seniors in our neighborhood. Here's how:

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Please drop off all letters to my home (at the address above) at the latest by June 10th, so I can deliver the letters by Graduation Day, June 12th!

Thank you for joining me!



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Please join me in making 2-3 handwritten cards of encouragement, advice and celebration to pass along to each of the graduating seniors in our neighborhood. Just keep them generic, since they could be going to your neighbor next door or down the street. Not sure what to say? Check out the Project Grad Love Card Template on www.ACTIONvc.org/resources. When you are finished, put each card you make in an unsealed and unstamped envelope. It's so much nicer to open up an enveloped card, don't you think?

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Sincerely,

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DEAR GRADUATE,

Congrats on your very big accomplishment! Although circumstances are a lot different than you expected, you still deserve to know how proud we are of you, and how excited we are to see the path you take in life! Never forget what you are capable of, and how strong you are!

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DEAR GRADUATE,

We're so proud of you and all you've done. I'm sorry that your graduation can't happen (thanks Coronavirus), but that doesn't mean you didn't do it! You got your diploma and successfully made it through high school! All of this stress will pass and you will make it to the other side!

Love,

Your Neighbor

HI FRIEND,

I wanted to drop you a note since things are so weird and scary right now. Congratulations on graduating high school. You should be very proud of yourself! Here's to starting a new chapter in life! Your community is rooting for you!

Love,

Your Neighbor

Need more inspiration?

Visit www.punkpost.com/stories/covid-19-graduation-card-messages



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