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Valentines for Veterans

Key Club, the oldest and largest student-led service organization for high schoolers, focuses on leadership development through community service and volunteering. In partnership with their local Kiwanis club, members are making a positive impact as they serve others in their schools and communities. Tyler Simons, a member of Madeira High School's (MHS) Key Club, recently found a way to spread love to our local veterans as part of his community service requirement.

"I wanted to be able to give back to the military community," Tyler said, "my grandpa was in the Marine Corps." After researching different places he came upon Soldiers' Angels, an organization who provides aid, comfort, and resources to the Military, Veterans, and their families. "Soldiers Angels was the only one I could help because the others only had opportunities during office hours. While seeing what I could do for Soldiers' Angels I saw they had a Valentines for Veterans Drive and thought about how I could run this in our school." Tyler took his idea to Key Club who made it an event, and set a goal of making 250 Valentines.

On February 13, 2026, 250 cards were hand delivered to veterans at The Cincinnati VA Medical Center. "We are so proud of Tyler and the Key Club for collaborating for the greater good," stated MHS Key Club Advisor Josh Robertson. "It's a small way to say "Thank you" to the heroes who protect our freedom."

Jim Davis, a volunteer with Soldiers Angels, sent his thanks to the Madeira students. "I cannot tell you how much joy this brought to the Veterans," he said in an email. "Every one of them expressed their appreciation for the thought from your students, many of them saying they haven't gotten a Valentines card in decades."

Soldiers' Angels creed states "May no soldier go unloved, May no soldier walk alone, May no soldier be forgotten, Until they all come home." Thanks in part to Madeira High School's Key Club, a group of local Veterans were remembered and loved.



Tyler Simons with some of the cards MHS students made for the Veterans.



Soldiers Angels volunteers handing each Veteran a card, along with other donated items.