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Let's Blanket Them In Love

Sisters win \$1000 grant to grow their mission for warmth, connection and giving back.

Ada, Oklahoma: Happy, warm and safe on their way to their local state fair, sisters Maddie and Morgan Manning noticed a homeless person nearby who didn't appear to feel any of those things. Feeling confident they had been given so much so they could give to others, they set out with huge hearts and skilled hands to try and serve those less fortunate in their community. In the last two years that single tug at their heartstrings has led to them creating and donating 491 blankets, 230 scarves, 581 hats, and 102 pairs of socks. More warmth and hope than they ever imagined possible. *"We really just want people to know they are not forgotten, that they are valuable. We want them to feel loved and know that we believe they are worth the investment of our time to make these things for them."* Maddie said.



"They really need to know they are not forgotten. Every life is SO valuable."

-Morgan & Maddie Manning (age 15)



Now in their third year, *The Bundle Up Club™* as they call themselves, has become a 501c3 non-profit and the girls and their team have donated warmth to homeless shelters, a children's cancer ward, a crisis pregnancy center and a closet that provides items for foster families. *"Each year we come up with a new project, set a goal, and then recruit volunteers and raise funds to help with the project. When we started The Bundle Up Club, we didn't have anything but our idea. Our family pretty much funded our first project, and then we decided to try to get more people to help."* Morgan said. Through their efforts to seek help, the sisters found Daisy Button Believes™, a free online networking club for kid philanthropists seeking resources, support and funding to move their projects along. Each month Daisy Button Believes gives out \$1,000 to one of their kid dreamers. *The Bundle Up Club™* was chosen for last month's grant and plans to use the money to purchase materials to make more blankets, specifically

for a new project they are starting next year for the elderly. *"The world really needs kids and their ideas and people with compassion for others. I love that Daisy Button Believes is a place they can go for encouragement."* Maddie said *"We are so grateful for this opportunity and for the friends we have made in the clubhouse."*



DaisyButtonBelieves.com was founded by children's author Tracey Serebin. She was inspired to create the site after working with schools in New Jersey. *"I realized there was no central location that kids could learn from each other, find the resources they needed to take their ideas to the next level, and get feedback from other kids who had succeeded in a big way. I also wanted to expose them to adult role models that have created successful platforms and used their money and position for good."* Serebin said.

Past winners include Sally Campbell (13) of *Sallybrating with a Cause*, raising money for Cancer patients, Brooke Thomas (11) of *The Thomas Promise Foundation*, filling backpacks for hungry kids in her community, Violet Humble (8), of *VOLT*, feeding the homeless and Torrin Thorp (13) of *Blessings Bags*, collecting entertainment for hospitals.

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