# Spreading Light on Dark Days

Like many others, my Covid-19 kindness story begins with school closing. We expected it to only last about a week, maybe a month at most. Sadly, we kept getting calls pushing back the date we could go back, until finally school was cancelled for the rest of the year. Online school was rough, and I missed my friends a lot. Not being able to see them at school, or out of school, was devastating. I missed playing outside with them, and our late night giggles at the hours when everything seems hilarious. Since I couldn't see my friends, I decided to give some socially distant gifts. I grabbed some paper and my water colors and got to work. For one of my friends, Rosella, I made a sign for her room, with her name and a bunny. Since she owned bunnies, I thought it was a good idea for an entrance sign. She still has it in her room today. My family walked to Rosella's house and left the gifts on the porch.  I also left some chocolate and other candies for her and her family to enjoy.

My sister also missed her friends a lot. She did something similar to me as a way to say "I miss you" and "Stay safe" My sister and my mom walked to her friend's house, and left chalk drawings on their sidewalk, saying things like "We miss you!" and "Make sure to wash your hands!" They also left chocolate as well as notes for each of my sister's friend's family members.

My grandmother also left me and my family some craft supplies to use over quarantine. She gave us things like bird houses, and window paint. We painted the bird houses and left them on the front porch for people to look at while driving by.

My family, like many others, put teddy bears and other stuffed animals in the windows of our house for people to see. I love seeing people driving by, and pointing to their kids to look at the stuffed animal.

These, and many other things, are what I have done to spread kindness during the harsh pandemic. I hope the few things I may have done helped at least a few people feel better during this time.

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