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**“BLESSING BAGS” DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMS**

On Monday, December 11, the Holland Windmills 4-H Club met together and made over 60 individual “Blessing Bags.” This service project was led by McKenna and Kaylor Cleveringa. The “blessing bags” were made for the Alton Fire Department, Alton Ambulance, Orange City Police Department, Orange City Fire Department, Orange City EMS, the Sioux County Sheriff Office and the Woodbury County Sheriff’s Office.

McKenna Cleveringa said, “We are making Blessing Bags for Law Enforcement, Firefighters and EMS; not everyone appreciates them and what they do. My mom is in EMS in Sioux County and my uncle is a deputy sheriff in Woodbury County. I think that it’s important to give back to the community and to the people who serve us and keep us safe.” Kaylor Cleveringa read what was going into the bag and what each item represented.

The Blessing Bags for Law Enforcement Officers contained:

- **Lifesavers candy:** To remind you of the many times you have saved a life.
- **Smarties candy:** To give you wisdom for those split second decisions.
- **Hershey’s Kisses:** To show our love for you.
- **Chewing gum:** To help everyone stick together.
- **Tootsie Roll:** To help you roll with the punches.
- **Peppermint Patty:** To help you keep your cool.
- **Pay Day:** Because you’re not doing it for the money.
- **Laffy Taffy:** To remind you that laughter is a great stress reliever.
- **Caramel:** For all the sticky situations you get into.

Everyone was encouraged to find other ways to show their appreciation to those who serve us.

