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Rader and Clyde Boyd juveniles exchange ornaments and holiday spirit.

Juveniles from the L. E. Rader Center and Clyde Boyd Middle School in Sand Springs are exchanging ornaments this holiday season as part of an outreach/in-reach program. Both groups made the ornaments with the intention of sharing the holiday spirit.

Jill Minihan, a teacher at Clyde Boyd spearheaded the program there. Her gifted and talented classes, grades 4 – 7, made small ornamental boxes from old holiday cards. Dee Ann Paisley, Volunteer Services Director at Rader, and Carol Kislow, a volunteer, organized juveniles there into their ornament-making project.

The idea was to give the Rader juveniles the opportunity to participate in a spirit of sharing with others and to bring kids closer together. “This is a season about caring and sharing,” said Everett Gomez, the Rader Superintendent. “By exchanging the ornaments these kids are reaching across the fence; we are helping to integrate our juveniles back into the community, in at least a small measure.”

“This was a real joy to do,” said Minihan, “The kids all had fun making the ornamental boxes and it was gratifying for them to have a purpose for them as well.”

This is the second year for the exchange. The proposal came from Rader and was developed with the help of Linda Sherrill, a teacher with the Sand Springs educational system at Rader. The exchange involved over 250 ornaments.