



Meet Leslie

Kind at Heart met Leslie in 2017.

For ten months, Leslie had been stuck inside her home without a way to safely get in and out. She was waiting for an electric wheelchair, but first she needed a small ramp to get over the lip of her doorway.

When we visited Leslie to assess her needs, we discovered there was much more to this woman than the home repair she needed. Leslie had a passion for serving others. She crocheted baby blankets and caps for the local hospital to give to newborns.

The following year, Leslie moved into a nursing home. It was a difficult transition, but Leslie soon found a new way to make a difference.

She began looking out for residents who needed a friend and supported those around her. She even decorated the space around her bedbound roommate, hanging butterflies above her bed.

Then she created her own ministry: writing encouraging messages and Bible verses on index cards, complete with cheerful doodles. She randomly passed them out to brighten someone's day.

She found ways to serve wherever she was.

But perhaps Leslie's greatest gift was the way she made people feel seen and loved. Whether through a handmade baby blanket, a handwritten note, a Bible verse, or a fiercely competitive game of Scrabble, Leslie found ways to remind people that they mattered.

Her circumstances changed. Her place changed. But her purpose didn't.



Leslie's life reminds us that there is always a way to encourage, serve, and love the people around us.

The Legacies They Leave

This past year, we said goodbye to three women who had become a meaningful part of the Kind at Heart family.

As we reflected on their lives, we were reminded of something we have learned again and again: **sometimes the people who reach out to us for help end up teaching us the most.**

Vivian, Faye, and Lorraine had each lived full and impactful lives. Vivian and her husband ran a wildlife rehabilitation center and shared their love of birds of prey with students throughout the area. Faye was a registered nurse and former hospital director who later taught EMTs across Northwest Arkansas. Lorraine was an entrepreneur who owned dress shops, operated a paint shop and cafeterias, and shared life with a rodeo cowboy on their ranch.

Eventually, each became a widow and found herself unable to keep up with the repairs and maintenance her home required. That's where Kind at Heart came in.

As we helped with their homes, something beautiful happened. What began with home maintenance grew into friendships. We laughed together, worked through challenges, and listened to each other's stories. They asked about our families and the things that mattered to us. They encouraged us and spoke life into everyone who walked through their doors.

They taught us to slow down and not take life for granted. They had once spent their lives serving their communities. Now, as the community came to them, **they continued to make an impact—not through what they could do with their hands, but through their encouragement and the way they made people feel seen and valued.**

Each woman came to Kind at Heart for different reasons. But each left something behind: a lasting impact on the people who had the privilege of knowing them.



Vivian ♥

loved homesteading
and taught others
how to raise chicks.



Faye ♥

was a natural
encourager, who
made people feel seen.



Lorraine ♥

was an avid NASCAR
and NFL fan, who
loved to garden.

*A legacy isn't just what we leave behind—
it's what we pass on to others.*

These volunteers share what our clients have passed on to them.



"We know we will eventually lose some of those we grow to love, and that can be incredibly difficult. But the joy we have shared, both given and received, makes every moment worth it." -Rosemary

"Loving and serving our neighbors and family creates a caring community and shows that everyone has value." - Laura



"One thing they've taught me is not to take things for granted. As easy as it is for me to change a battery in a smoke detector, they can't climb a ladder. They genuinely appreciate the things we do for them." -David

Come connect with our clients, you may find that serving others leaves a legacy in you, too.

Your Impact in Action ♥

Because of our community, Kind at Heart has been able to show up for our neighbors in meaningful ways throughout the year.

Your generosity does more than fund a program—it makes it possible for our team and volunteers to be the hands and feet, offering practical help, encouragement, and meaningful connection to those we serve.

2026 IMPACT — SO FAR:

293 Individuals Served



101

Home Safety Projects
WC Ramps & Maintenance



532

Garden Baskets
Delivered to Homes



262

Encouragement Visits
for Local Seniors

There is still more work to do before the year is over. Together, we can finish 2026 strong.

♥
**Giving
Tuesday**
is coming up
December 1!

♥
*Help us carry
this work forward.*

Share Kind at Heart with a friend or family member, invite someone to learn more about our work, or consider making a gift.

