

GUEST COLUMN
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From: Mayor James E. "Jamie" Mayo

City of Monroe Employee Community Benevolent Projects

Love is in the air this week, as people throughout the country celebrate Valentine's Day. Here in Monroe, our City Employees made special deliveries to 600 "*Senior Sweethearts*" as part of their February Community Benevolent Project.

City employees donated their personal funds to purchase Valentine's Day cards for 600 men and women in local nursing homes, senior centers, assisted living facilities and the NELA War Veterans Home. Volunteers from each city department delivered signed cards to residents at six separate locations on Valentine's Day.

I am so proud of how our employees are rallying around the chance to be involved in these benevolent projects. A different city department leads each monthly effort. In January, our Public Works department lead the charge. Thanks to employee contributions, we doubled our goal and raised funds to create and distribute 400 "*Comfort Kids*" to benefit the homeless served by the Desiard Street Shelter. This month, our Legal department is in charge; and, we are thankful to have the opportunity to show 600 local seniors and veterans some love on Valentine's Day.

City Employee Community Benevolent Projects is #12 on my 60 for 60 Project List. Our employees will go beyond their duty to do 14 different benevolent projects during the 2018 calendar year. We are serving the homeless, our senior citizens, students, and the community at large. We will continue to update the public on our progress and alert you about opportunities to be involved in our efforts.

By working together, we are making a difference.