



Petal it Forward 2023

Petal it Forward is a grassroots movement to spread kindness in our communities and schools. For our schools, we have created a special program.

What: Student volunteers/leaders Participants will hand out two flowers to any student who they feel needs a lift. They then ask the student to seek out another student who needs a lift and pass one of the flowers onto them- Petal it Forward. The goal of Petal it Forward is to SEEK and ACT.

When: Any one day from April 1st to May 30th.

Cost: We will provide a \$200 grant to support Petal it Forward to the first three schools who apply and promise to complete the listed requirements.

Requirements:

___200+ flowers (carnations hold up well, but roses really stand out); You will be responsible for ordering the flowers. Costco and other wholesalers have really great deals, but you need to order ahead. You can also work with a local florist to spread the word into the community.

___200+ Notecards with positive sayings (You Matter, Be You, Believe, Be You, etc.)

___Students! It is best to have representatives from several school organizations☺

___Positive attitude☺

Applying for the grant:

Send the following to the Ashley Busby Foundation: ashley.busby.memorial@gmail.com.

School Name: _____

Adult Sponsor/Advisor Name, Title: _____

School Address: _____

Check Payable To(must be a school club, organization, etc.): _____

EIN: _____

We are also able to make a donation directly to the club. Please provide information for the cashier and include the above information with the point of contact and phone number.

How it works:

Suggested 6-8 weeks before

1. Choose a date for your Petal it Forward.
2. Send the following information to our organization's email:
ashley.busby.memorial@gmail.com.
3. Order 200+ flowers (carnations hold up well, but roses really stand out); You will be responsible for ordering the flowers. Costco and other wholesalers have really great deals, but you need to order ahead. You can also work with a local florist to spread the word into the community.

Suggested 1 week before

4. **Handwrite** 200+ Notecards with positive sayings (You Matter, You are Amazing, Be You, Believe, Be You, etc.). Cut pieces of curling ribbon. Punch a hole in the corner for the ribbon and string it through.
5. Ask the school counselors for suggestions on names of students who they think could benefit from extra kindness. This should be kept private amongst the students who will be assigned to reach out to them.

1-2 days before

6. Pick up the flowers OR if delivery, make sure they are delivered at least two days before.
7. Attach the notes to the flowers using curling ribbon. Trim an ½-1 inch off the stem.
8. Keep the flowers in 5 gallon buckets of water overnight.

Petal it Forward Day

9. Meet 20-30 minutes BEFORE school.
10. Divide the flowers amongst the participants. Each student should have an even number.
11. Throughout the day, SEEK out students who you think could use a pick-me-up.
12. Give the student TWO flowers. Then, ask them to give one of them away to another student they think could use one- PETAL IT FORWARD.

Suggested 1 Week Afterwards

Share your stories. If you can, share photos and stories with us so we can post them. We will keep any posts anonymous is requested.

Thank you!