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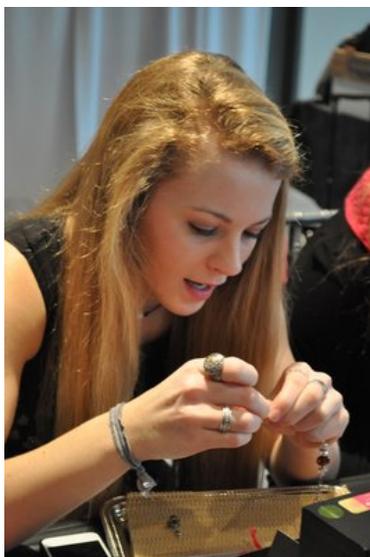
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National Charity League chapter aids Roswell-based nonprofit

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Roswell High School student Alexandria Martin makes a bracelet for a cancer patient.

Roswell-based nonprofit Feel Beautiful Today delivered 100 of its Boxes of Love bracelets to cancer patients in metro Atlanta in December, which was made possible through a service project sponsored by the Gardenia chapter of the National Charity League.

Local girls from the Gardenia chapter, which serves west Roswell, east Cobb and east Cherokee, made the bracelets in November during their annual Mother-Daughter Tea. Member Michelle Bishop Turkington said the chapter chooses a different philanthropic organization to benefit from the Mother-Daughter Tea service project each year.

Biviana Franco, nonprofit founder said she is thankful for the charity league's contribution.

The nonprofit's mission is to bring encouragement, hope and God's love to women and girl's affected with cancer.

"We depend on donations," Franco said. "We don't have big sponsors. The past three years [since founding the organization] has only been [possible]

through the amazing support of the community."

Boxes of Love is one of the nonprofit's three programs. Community members are encouraged to host events and make bracelets for cancer patients.

"It is a really cute and special gift," Franco said.

In addition to making 100 bracelets, the Gardenia chapter donated money so that an additional 100 patients at local cancer centers can participate in their own free jewelry-making session through the nonprofit's Workshop for Patients program.

"As you can imagine, the cancer patients spend hours and days and months in and out of the hospital," Franco said. "Many of them get tired of just sitting in a room. They get tired of just watching TV or reading a book. [Making the bracelets] is something positive for them. It helps them to get their mind on something different — something positive, something creative, something beautiful."

Turkington said members of the Gardenia chapter participate in various service projects throughout the year.

The chapter has about 250 members — local mothers and their daughters from grades seven to



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