Sustainability Card Art

Purpose of Activity: To show students the benefits of reusing materials.

Objectives/Learning Outcomes:
By actively participating in this activity, participants will:
  - Learn why reusing is just as important as recycling
  - Make something lasting that can be given to someone

Materials Needed:
  - Have residents bring scrap paper or any craft making supplies they might have. Also, raid the supply room for markers, paint, scissors, glue, stickers, scrap paper, felt, ribbons, etc.

Facilitation Guide:
  1. Working with the residents, identify a person or people they would like to make a card for.
  2. Using the craft supplies, get creative and decorate the cards as conservatively or lavishly as they would like.
  3. Take time to write out the inside of the cards before they leave.

Discussion:
  - What are the benefits of reusing scrap items to make cards (seems more personal, better for the environment, etc.)?
  - What are some other items you have lying around that you could give new life to?
  - Why is reusing paper and other products even better than recycling them?

Helpful Hints:
  - You can make great picture envelopes from old magazine ads or pages.
  - It’s helpful to pick an occasion, like Valentines Day or St. Patrick’s day, to theme the cards.