

You Bring the 'Can Do' Attitude... We'll Supply the Rest!

Armed with a warm smile, a creative idea, a machine called "Big Shot" and colored cardstock, Clark County Park Ambassador, Sherrill Graff, is ready for reams of fun! *Get it? REAMS* of fun! Sherrill Graff, local paper crafter, became a Park Ambassador last fall. She leads children and senior citizens in paper craft workshops at County recreation centers and libraries. Ms. Graff decided to become an Ambassador after Della Boyd, Volunteer Liaison, spoke to the Las Vegas Crafters Guild. She says, "I just took the classes, became official [Ambassador] and got started."

Typically, workshop attendees are boys and girls between the ages of 4-11 years of age. There is, however, the occasional surprise group of teenage boys who are willing to join the fun with a little persuasion. Sherrill and an assistant lead the youth in making cards, journals or other projects. "Kids can use the journals to write poetry, draw pictures or write down their dreams," she notes. Participants are encouraged to make a second item to give to a child in the hospital. Sherrill says, "Sometimes they take one home and sometimes they donate both."



When asked about "Big Shot," Sherrill explained the purpose of this tool. Big Shot is a die cutting machine which allows children to select shapes like flowers, bears, circles and squares for paper cutouts. The shapes are used to decorate cards or build journals. Big Shot is

especially handy when it comes to activities like, Build a Smile. During the Build a Smile activity, children create a wardrobe for their paper bear.



Sherrill Graff, center, making cutouts with "Big Shot."

This year alone, Sherrill has worked with approximately 240 children and seniors. Sherrill said, "The kids usually come in groups and we can have up to 30 children or more at one time. We are always happy to have help." Sherrill hosts paper craft workshops at the following parks: Bob Price, Cambridge, Hollywood, Walnut and Winchester?.

If you are interested in becoming involved, [click here](#) to become a Park Ambassador. The process is fast and easy. The rewards are endless!