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Annual Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

Greetings from CARE TO KNIT! As I collect my thoughts for this year's appeal, I think of not only how our organization has grown, but why it has grown. As we approach nine years of service, our chapters continue to work with dedication and love.

Our chapters have found their own voices and some have adopted causes that speak to them. Whether it be blankets, sock monkeys and matching hats, or red and pink scarves, these donations touch the lives of many and bring comfort in a way that is unimaginable unless seen first hand.

Our volunteers tell me how moved they are by the experience of delivering our beautiful donations in person. It's hard to translate the feeling expressed, however, picture a veteran receiving a red, white and blue blanket, a child in treatment holding a sock monkey that matches a hand made hat, or a woman receiving chemotherapy wearing a beautiful scarf to keep her warm.

We can only continue to bring comfort to those mentioned if you continue to support us. We suspended our appeal last year in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. We donated much of what we had to its victims. That work still goes on. We hope that after you read this newsletter you will turn to the donation form on the back and send us your gift. It is gift-giving season. What better gift than to give of yourself?

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I wish you a holiday season filled with joy and the love of family and friends.



Warmest regards,
Ines Basso Glick
Executive Director

PHYLLIS CASSELL... BIG RED... BIG TALENT... BIG HEART



Phyllis Cassell's nickname is Big Red and it mirrors her other personality traits. Phyllis, a member of the Knit Chicks, is extremely generous of spirit and talent. She has been knitting since she was 4½ years old and has not put her needles down since.

Phyllis had a career as an office manager but always had her knitting needles nearby. She made dresses, suits, coats, blankets, and even knitted with beads. Her creativity knows no bounds. She creates the most interesting sweater sets for babies, and hats and scarves for women. Each item is personally crafted with something special, be it buttons, flowers, or a glittered trim.

Phyllis is a widow with a son, two daughters, and eight grandchildren. When not knitting, she volunteers at a local soup kitchen and enjoys fishing and playing poker.

Phyllis has always enjoyed giving back. She recalls making baby items and an afghan for the Red Cross when she was in 6th grade. To quote Phyllis, "I love to work with lots of color and mix it up." Her colorful personality matches her creations... *special and made with love!*

Greetings from the Board Chair

As CTK approaches its 9th year, I look back to remember our small beginning with one volunteer chapter and only a few places to which we donated. In these past several years we have grown to include chapters and donation facilities. This has been made possible by our tireless executive director and the hardworking volunteer knitters, crocheters, and labelers. We get numerous calls from agencies

in the tristate area and beyond for our beautiful blankets, scarves, hats, and shawls. The growth of Care To Knit has only been made possible by your generous donations. I hope that you will include CTK in your donation list at this time of year and make those less fortunate happy knowing that people care about them with a hand made item created with love.

- Ivy H. Greenburg

Alexandra Gootman celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in a very special way. Wanting to do something for cancer patients in treatment she decided to knit caps for them. She chose CARE TO KNIT as the recipient of her Bat Mitzvah project. She included a yarn drive in her festivities and presented CTK with 50 chemo hats and 130 skeins of yarn. Congratulations and thanks to a very special young lady!



CARE TO KNIT PARTNERS WITH SEAN'S GIFT

CARE TO KNIT was invited by the Northport VA Medical Center to partner with Sean's Gift and the NY Organ Donor Network.

Sean La Personerie, a 24 year old soldier, just returning from Iraq, was hit by a car crossing a local street in his hometown on New Year's Eve, 2011. Four days later he died of his injuries. In addition to serving his country, Sean was extremely generous of spirit and had registered to be an organ donor. CARE TO KNIT has donated over 100 blankets which will be placed on the organ donor while waiting for organ retrieval. These blankets will then be given to the families of the donor in remembrance of the gift of life that was given. To participate visit our website caretoknit.org.

Janet Kayel of The Heartwarmers makes the first blanket for Sean's Gift.



The Heartwarmers host an event to benefit WomenHeart.



CARE TO KNIT presents hats and scarves to 1 in 9 Hewlett House.



WEST COAST NEWS...

From the Heart of Napa Valley

Susan Blake, coordinator of **Grape Heart Knits**, is a welcome presence in Napa Valley.

Her donations reach far and wide in the valley. From toddlers to foster children, programs for the homeless, and programs in hospitals and veterans homes, her tireless work and generous spirit is seen in the beautiful and creative hats and scarves which are donated.



In Memoriam

Dassah Fein

Dassah Fein was a charter member of **The Knit Chicks**. She was a devoted volunteer, an elegant and creative woman.

Dassah enjoyed coming to meetings, and always asked, "What do you need?" The scarves she created were as bright and as warm as her personality. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Tippa Wilde

Tippa Wilde, a member of **The Heartwarmers**, passed away very suddenly while on vacation visiting family in Bangkok, Thailand. Tippa was an extremely talented and creative woman. She could pick up some random yarn and visualize the most wonderful and unique item to knit. She has made hundreds, if not thousands, of beautiful hand-knit items to donate to those in need. She will be missed by her chapter and her loving family.

CARE TO KNIT, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide hand knit and crocheted items to those in need in shelters, hospitals, nursing homes, hospices and the armed forces.

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