

# CARE TO KNIT, INC.



*MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE STITCH AT A TIME...*

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Dear Friend,

Greetings from **CARE TO KNIT!** The past year has been one of growth and excitement for us-- growth in the number of volunteers and growth in the number of those in need. By the end of 2007 we will have donated close to 2000 items for this year alone. New requests come to us almost daily and we have always been able to say, "Yes".

We have been fortunate enough to have knitters and crocheters join us from elementary school students to senior citizens. Both groups have told us that we've given them a purpose. Isn't that what giving is about? Finding a purpose and delivering its message is a most gratifying experience.

In this issue, you'll read about the Girl Scout who did community service by crocheting, the senior citizens who became The Bel Aire Knit-Chicks, the women making lap blankets for returning soldiers from Iraq, the woman who formed a knitting circle to benefit her small rural town, and the local knitting stores who hosted Commu-knit-y Service

*~ From 28 scarves to over 3000  
knitted and crocheted comforting  
items... in just 3 years ~*

## Knitting Circles Attract New Volunteers

Our knitters and crocheters enjoy spending time together as they devote their efforts to **CARE TO KNIT**. Shirley Newberger and her group will be donating lap blankets to our veterans. They join Gloria Cooper and Liz Oschmann as members of a very special part of **CARE TO KNIT**.

*A message from  
Ines Basso Glick,  
Executive Director*



Days. You'll also meet some of the people we've reached out to and those who've reached out to us.

The dedication of our volunteers is one of the reasons we are able to continue our mission. The other reason is the generosity of our supporters. Your contributions allow us to keep our knitters and crocheters supplied with the materials they need and also permit us to educate others about our work.

In this season of giving, I hope you'll take the time to fill out the donation section on the back of this newsletter and include us in your gift-giving. Your monetary gift translates into a gift of comfort and warmth—a gift to a person in hospice, a gift to a newborn, a gift to a neighbor undergoing chemotherapy, a gift to a family living in a shelter. The smile on their faces when they receive your gift is truly priceless.

Our best wishes for a wonderful holiday season. May you spend it in the warmth of your family and friends.

Warmest regards,

Ines Basso Glick



*Liz Oschmann and her knitting circle in Perry, NY*

## Greetings from the Board Chair

~ Ivy H. Greenburg

It is my pleasure to be writing the second annual newsletter as Chairman of the Board of **CARE TO KNIT**. I am proud of the new directions we are taking and the growth of our volunteer base resulting in increased items for donation.

We have expanded our initiative in the schools to raise awareness of young children to help others in less fortunate situations. We are now working with students from two schools to create items for needy children on Long Island. The students' interest and work has been heart-warming.

One of the many memorable experiences I had this year was a visit to Jamaica Hospital. Lisa Fox, a social worker on the Palliative Care Unit at the hospital, arranged for Ines and me to visit. We presented several of our beautiful lap blankets to Dr. Alan Roth, head of the Palliative Care Unit, and Lisa Fox. We also had the chance to meet one of the patients being cared for and presented her with a blanket. The patient was a young beautiful woman who couldn't believe that someone had made a blanket for her to keep. She thanked us with tears in her eyes. When we talked with this seriously ill woman, her smile showed me that we had touched her heart and made a difference.



Recently, Ines and I spent an enjoyable afternoon speaking about **CARE TO KNIT** with a group of women from the Bel Aire Condominium in East Meadow, NY. From this talk came the formation of the Bel Aire Knit-Chicks, a group you will read about in this newsletter.

Wherever I go I mention **CARE TO KNIT** and people always seem interested in joining our organization. I am happy to be working for an organization where everyone involved is a winner. Our volunteers feel fulfilled through their work and donations. I hope that you will find some way to join them and contribute to our mission of helping those in need at this time of the year.

*~ 175 knitters from 10 states ~*

## Commu-knit-y Day Events Bring Volunteers Together

THE KNITTING CORNER, HUNTINGTON, NY: Children's hats were knitted and crocheted to fill "Brooke Packs" for the Brooke Jackman Foundation. (photo left)

THE VILLAGE KNITTER, BABYLON, NY: Chemo caps were made and donated to Good Samaritan Hospital Oncology and Radiation Department. (photo center)

THREE BLACK SHEEP, ST. JAMES, NY: Volunteers knitted and crocheted pink chemo caps and donated them to **CARE TO KNIT's** "Think Pink" project. (photo right)



## A “Sterling” Achievement

Katy Luecken, 14 year-old Girl Scout from Westbury, chose **CARE TO KNIT** as the recipient of her efforts to achieve her Silver Award. The Silver Award is the highest award for Girl Scouts ages 11 to 14. It represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouts and in her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others. Katy decided that **CARE TO KNIT** was the perfect organization for her community service hours. She crocheted 63 beautiful preemie caps and encouraged other Girl Scouts to join her in this project. She also donated yarn and crochet hooks which were used by the **CARE TO KNIT** senior citizen volunteers. Katy has reached two important **CARE TO KNIT** groups - newborns and our seniors. This very special Girl Scout



*Katy Luecken*

truly embodies the mission of the Silver Award. We are proud to have her as a most valued volunteer.

*~ 500 preemie and baby caps, blankets, & booties to nursery and intensive care neonatal units ~*

## Bel Aire Knit-Chicks

~ Gloria Cooper, Bel Aire Condo Resident and CTK Volunteer

The Bel Aire Knit-Chicks is a group that was formed at the Bel Aire Condominium in East Meadow, NY for people fifty-five and older. The Knit-Chicks group developed after an introductory meeting with Ines Basso Glick and Ivy Greenburg, who explained the charitable goals of **CARE TO KNIT**.

Several of the women have taught novices how to knit and crochet. Others have donated wool and, those who do not knit or crochet, are busy sewing **CARE TO KNIT** labels into the finished items. A number of friends from other areas are also involved in all phases of the Knit-Chicks' work. The women have commented that they feel a sense of fulfillment by donating their time and effort to the organization. They have a real sense of pride when they show their finished items to the residents of the condo.



*Gloria Cooper shows off an afghan made by the Bel Aire Knit-Chicks.*

*~ 350 chemo caps and scarves to infusion centers and breast cancer coalitions ~*

*~ Over 600 hats, scarves and gloves to local shelters ~*

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 and hospices.

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*~ 600 hats and mittens to the Brooke Jackman Foundation ~  
~ 350 chemo caps and scarves to infusion centers and breast cancer coalitions ~  
~ 300 lap blankets donated to hospices, hospitals, and nursing homes ~  
~ 250 hats, scarves, and blankets to outreach programs ~*

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