

CARE TO KNIT, INC.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE STITCH AT A TIME...

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Dear Friend,

Greetings from **CARE TO KNIT!** It is most gratifying for me to once again write about the good work of our volunteers. Without them our mission could not be fulfilled. Our volunteers have knit and crocheted over 3000 items this year. These warm and comforting articles of clothing and blankets are desperately needed in the tough economic times we are experiencing.

As I visit the many agencies we support, I hear the same refrain over and over. Families need blankets to help keep them warm this winter. Children and adults in shelters need sweaters, hats, mittens, and gloves. Seniors in nursing homes need arm warmers and lap blankets to keep them comfortable during their daily routine. Chemotherapy patients need warm items during treatment. I am very proud to say that with the help of our volunteers and donors, we continue to say "Yes" to every request.

Our volunteers have approached us with new ideas and projects to further our mission. The

Save the Dates!

February 7, 2009 – KNIT IN
Harborfields Library, Greenlawn, NY 10:00 am

April 24, 2009 – 4th Anniversary Spring Event
The Woodlands, Woodbury, NY 7:30 pm

Visit our website for further details!

*A message from
Ines Basso Glick,
Executive Director*



Needlers and The Heartwarmers have joined forces to plan a "KNIT IN" this winter. The Bel Aire Knit Chicks and the Wednesday Night Knitting Club continue to teach each other as they continue to support our mission. The children of Meadow Drive School in Albertson, NY are collecting the special wool yarn needed to enable our volunteers to make helmet liners for our soldiers. Children at Oceanside Middle School in Oceanside, NY are making squares and putting them together to make blankets for nursing home residents.

We are facing challenging times and non-profits are feeling the effects. I am asking you to meet the challenge in a personal way. Your donations have been based on knowing someone who volunteers or someone who receives the benefit of the organization.

After you read more about us in this newsletter, I hope you'll be inspired to respond to our appeal. You'll find our donation form on the back of this newsletter. Please remember that we can continue our mission only if you continue to help.

As you celebrate this holiday season with family and friends, we send our heartfelt thanks and every good wish.

Warmest regards,
Ines Basso Glick

"CARE TO KNIT puts smiles on the faces of children and hope in the hearts of adults."

Greetings from the Board Chair

~ Ivy H. Greenburg

I am excited to share our new initiatives for this year. One of the Board's goals was to have employees of corporations join us in creating knitted and crocheted items. Since we established this objective, we have had the good fortune to have three corporations join us.

The first corporation to participate was The Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi. **CARE TO KNIT** was invited to attend their annual Volunteer Recognition Reception. There we had the opportunity to meet the CEO of the bank, Mr. Yoshiaki Kawamata, as well as the head of the volunteer program and the volunteers who had made beautiful items to be donated by **CARE TO KNIT**. We were also awarded a check for over \$1000 in a special awards ceremony to buy the supplies we need to sustain our organization.

Next, the BlackRock Crafters Care Group contacted us. They created 75 beautiful matching hats and scarflets for us to donate.

Soon after, we were approached by one of our volunteers interested in forming a group at the TJX Corporation in Boston. A successful yarn drive was held so that TJX employees would have the



Kari Maguda (3rd from left) & volunteers from the TJX Corporation knitting group

supplies they needed to knit and crochet items for **CARE TO KNIT**.

All of these giving individuals have helped us boost our donations to a point where we have exceeded 2007's donations. I look forward to having new corporations join us in the future.

Ines was recently honored at a Fortune 52 event, sponsored by the Long Island Press, recognizing Long Island women who make a difference through their charity work. I was so pleased to see Ines acknowledged for all her hard work in our organization. Through her dedication and your generosity, **CARE TO KNIT** continues to make "a difference one stitch at a time".



Members of Purls of Hope from The Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi



Members of the BlackRock Crafters Care Group

"We share hats with our tiniest patients, in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit, to help them maintain their body temperature. They just can't do it on their own."

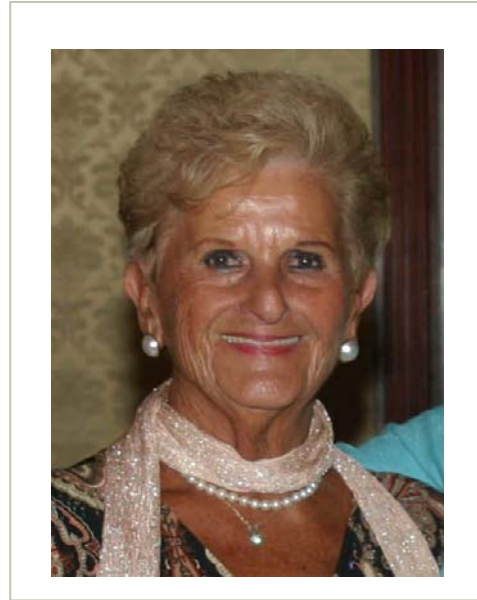
CTK Honors Gloria Cooper

Our Third Anniversary Event, held at The Woodlands on April 11, 2008, was a huge success! Over one hundred friends of **CARE TO KNIT** attended and enjoyed a delicious dinner, plentiful raffles, and a warm atmosphere of camaraderie and solidarity... fueled by being part of **CTK**.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Honoree of the Year Award to Gloria Cooper for her work in founding The Bel Aire Knit Chicks and her tireless devotion to the organization.

Congratulations, Gloria!

"Each cherished piece is beautiful and reflects the time and care that was put into knitting each item."



Gloria Cooper



Linda Windsor (rear right) and The Heartwarmers



Bette Volpe (rear left) and The Needlers

"Thank you ... your gift helps us bring comfort and assistance to thousands of homeless youth in New York City."

KRAUSE PUBLICATIONS SELECTS CARE TO KNIT FOR NEW BOOK

CARE TO KNIT has been selected as the charity of choice in a new book to be published by Krause Publications. The book entitled, Knitting To Share: 25 Projects For Those Who Care, is a perfect fit for the organization. Each project is connected to a cause or condition. After researching many charities, Krause Publications chose **CARE TO KNIT** because its mission closely mirrors the purpose of the book. The book will include knitting instructions, ranging from blankets to fingerless gloves to toys, that would cheer a child. One of the chapters will be devoted to the work of **CARE TO KNIT** featuring pictures of our volunteers and events. Knitting To Share will be available in bookstores and on Amazon.com in February 2009.

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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"Keep up the great work that has touched so many hearts and lives."

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