

CARE TO KNIT, INC.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE STITCH AT A TIME...

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Dear Friend,

Greetings from CARE TO KNIT! "Tis the season"...a phrase we hear each year at this time. It conjures up different meanings in the hearts and minds of all. It means holidays, shopping, cooking, and time to share with family and friends...a joyous time for most and a hard time for many. It is the time of year when we are thankful for our blessings and mindful of the needs of others.

We at CARE TO KNIT recognize that need and find that each year we are receiving requests from more and more agencies. Last year we donated over 5000 comforting items to individuals and families with the message that we care about their well being. Our donors and supporters have been a great part of our message.

We have had the good fortune to be the recipient of gifts from a very special benefactor, Christina Grahn. Her kindness and interest in CARE TO KNIT has made it possible for us to initiate programs, which would have otherwise been a challenge. You will read more about Christina in this newsletter and I hope she will inspire you to follow her example.

Across the country mailboxes are flooded during this season with appeals from many worthy organizations. We hope you count CARE TO KNIT

*A message from
Ines Basso Glick,
Executive Director*



as one you will select to support with a monetary donation. You'll find our donation form on the back of this newsletter.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I extend our sincerest thanks for your continued support and wish you a holiday season filled with the happiness and love you share with family and friends.

Warmest regards,
Ines Basso Glick

Helmetliners to our troops

**From the Heart of Napa Valley...
Susan Blake**

Susan Blake always had a knack for giving back in the most creative ways. Christmas in April, Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scout Master, Ombudsman for Navy wives and the creator of a Cub Scout Den in Scotland were a few of the organizations which benefited from her generous spirit. And now, CARE TO KNIT has the pleasure of her energy, expertise and creativity.

Susan came to CTK through our website and immediately formed her chapter and began donating in Napa Valley. She has donated hundreds of hats -- each unique. Her collection includes Red, White and Blue Theme caps for babies born on the 4th of July at David Grant Hospital on Travis AFB, hats for cancer and neurosurgery patients, hats for children at COPE Family Center and hats for our sock monkeys. The list goes on and on. She has been asked to speak at various organizations and knitting shops in Napa Valley and has been invaluable in carrying on the work of CTK on the west coast. We are so proud of her, her creative work, and her passion for giving!



Susan Blake

Greetings from the Board Chair

~ Ivy H. Greenburg

I am pleased to be writing to you in the fifth annual **Care To Knit** newsletter. I have seen amazing changes occur in our organization this year. Through word of mouth and technology, new knitting chapters have been formed, while existing ones continue to expand. This is happening both locally and as far away as California.

The knitting chapters have become more self-sufficient, creating their own special projects and donating their unique items locally. This has been a tremendous help in keeping our shipping costs at a minimum.

Just recently I spent time with a woman from the Chicago area who had given a **Care To Knit** blanket to her hospice patient. She told me how the recipient of our blanket was overwhelmed with feelings. She explained that not only was she grateful to receive the blanket, but even more was the fact that she was so touched that another individual who didn't know her would take the time to create such a beautiful gift for a stranger.

This story is just one example of many in terms of how recipients feel upon receiving our lovely knitted and crocheted items.

As you think about giving at this time of year, please remember the good feelings our work generates for those in need. Your generosity enables all of us at **Care To Knit** to continue our work in helping others who are in need of a soft handmade item made with love. I thank you for your continued support.

Hats and scarves to the homeless

Congratulations to our 2010 Honorees!



Betty Jayne Volpe, Linda Windsor & Nancy Johnson
(shown with Ines Basso Glick)

Save the Date!

April 16, 2010 – Ladies' Tea

*Unitarian Universalist Congregation
at Shelter Rock, ~ Manhasset, NY
1:00 pm*

Blankets to veterans, nursing homes and hospice care

CTK Welcomes New Technical Advisor... Mary Kenny

The CTK Board and Executive Director are very happy to welcome Mary Kenny as our new Technical Advisor. Mary is a valued member of The Needlers Chapter and has been involved with **CARE TO KNIT** since its inception 6 years ago. Mary is an ESL teacher in the Mineola Public Schools and has used her creative talents to start a crafting club with her elementary school students. Her first project was a blanket that the children made from squares and presented to us.

Mary is an expert knitter, crocheter and pattern designer. Her expertise in these areas is a welcome addition to our organization. Mary is available to answer your knitting and crocheting questions via email mary@caretoknit.org. She'd love to hear from you!

CTK's Special Benefactor... Christina Grahn

CARE TO KNIT is especially grateful for the kindness and support of our very special benefactor, Christina Grahn. Christina is incredibly giving and supportive of many charities. She is unique, a quiet donor who responds to the cause, not the attention that may result from her generosity.

Christina is the 3rd of 4 children of the late Julie and Eric Grahn. She has lived in the Bay Shore/Brightwaters community all her life and has been active in the community in many ways. She is a long-time employee of the DEC and has a special interest in marine and environmental preservation. Christina enjoys life on the Great South Bay of Long Island. You can find her sailing, fishing, and ice-boating throughout the year.

This charitable outdoorswoman has taken CARE TO KNIT's mission to heart and we are privileged and proud to call her not only our benefactor but also our very special friend.

Red scarves to WomenHeart

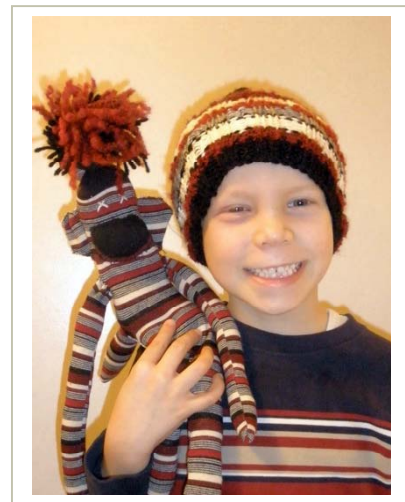


CTK teaches knitting and crocheting at Cohen Children's Medical Center



Christina Grahn

Hats and blankets to newborns



Sock monkeys bring smiles all around!



Volunteer School of the Year Award presented to Floyd B. Watson School, Rockville Centre, NY

Sock monkeys and matching hats to children in treatment

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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