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Annual Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

Greetings from CARE TO KNIT! As I look back over the past year I am filled with pride over the work of our volunteers. In all organizations records are kept and statistics are examined to determine where the group is headed. Each year the number of items we donate increases and it is because of the generosity of our volunteers.

We know the direction we have taken and to keep meeting the needs of our recipients we need your help. In these challenging times we have donated 10,000 comforting items this year. As we enter our eighth year of service we have totaled over 27, 500 items to our neighbors near and far. We have done this with your support.

When you read about the work of our chapters in this newsletter, I hope it will inspire you to get involved. Your

monetary gift is as valuable to us as the work of our volunteers. We consider our donors partners with our crafters. The organization cannot thrive without one of them.



As you prepare for the holiday season, I hope you'll consider a gift to CARE TO KNIT. You'll find our donation form on the back of this newsletter.

The Board of Directors joins me in thanking you for your continued support. We wish you a joyous holiday season surrounded by those you love and hold dear.

Warmest regards,
Ines Basso Glick

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Executive Director

LYNNE DHYNE.... A HEARTWARMER WITH A BIG HEART

*Lynne Dhyne is a member of The **Heartwarmers** Chapter who devotes much of her time to helping others in her Huntington community. She is a long standing member of the Homemakers of Suffolk County, NY and is a member of their council. Lynne's involvement and dedication to The Heartwarmers led her to nominate CARE TO KNIT as the chosen charity by Homemakers for the year 2010-2011. Through her efforts, many local families have received the benefit of warm blankets, hats and scarves.*

Lynne is also a member of the Crochet Guild and has included CARE TO KNIT in her work with the guild. She has added a new dimension to our giving by donating small blankets to animal shelters. Lynne was the chairperson of The Heartwarmers' Holiday Table at the Harborfields' Craft Fair and arranged for all proceeds to be given to CARE TO KNIT. She is always creating, giving, and thinking! Lynne Dhyne... daughter, wife, mother and grandmother, is a gift to CARE TO KNIT. We are so proud to call her our own.



Lynne (holding the sign) is surrounded by her fellow Heartwarmers at the Harborfield's Craft Fair.

Greetings from the Board Chair

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

CTK is so very grateful to Jackie DiDonato and her staff at Pandemonium, a unique woman's boutique in the Village of Babylon, for hosting a cocktail party and evening of giving in our honor. A selection of our most beautiful items were donated by our volunteers for sale, with all proceeds benefiting Care To Knit.



Ines Basso Glick, Gena Harsch, Jackie DiDonato, Kathy DiAndrea and Gina Ernst circle around the beautiful knitted baby items made by CTK volunteers.

I am happy to be writing to you in our seventh annual newsletter. Each year I am surprised by the overwhelming generosity and love that I see in the beautiful items made by our volunteers. Their creativity, as is evident in their work, never ceases to amaze me. I am so grateful for all of their hard work.

A few weeks ago I received an email from a social worker who heads a hospice facility in a nearby hospital which accepts many poor patients. We have been donating our blankets there for a number of years. The social worker wanted me to know the far-reaching impact of our donations. She said that our blankets not only make the patients feel good and let them know that someone cares about them, but also, they provide a sense of trust opening the door for better

communication with the patients and their families at the end stage of life. In the email was a photo of a homeless hospice patient with one of our beautiful blankets on his bed. This photo struck a deep chord within me and served to strongly reinforce the important work being done at Care To Knit. The service our organization provides makes a huge impact on those receiving our knitted and crocheted items and shows them that there are people in the world who care about them.

I hope that you will be generous with your donation to Care To Knit so that we will be able to continue to grow and reach a greater number of people who are in need of our warm items in the cold months that lie ahead. I extend my best wishes to you for a happy holiday.

- Ivy H. Greenburg



Sock monkeys, paired with matching hats, eagerly await delivery to children in treatment.



Lap blankets bring warmth and comfort to our veterans.



CTK's 6th Anniversary Spring Event - a Garden Tea Party - honored a special benefactor, Christina Grahn (center), shown with Ines Basso Glick, Ellen Gravina, Adrienne Puccio & Ivy Greenburg.



BlackRock Crafters Care

volunteers included a group of individuals who were completely new to the craft of either knitting or crocheting. This enthusiastic group outdid themselves by creating over 80 chemo caps for distribution via Care To Knit during Cancer Awareness Month.

The **Purls of Hope** (Bank of Tokyo – Mitsubishi UFJ) sponsored a Volunteer Day and invited CTK to participate. This successful event helped the chapter grow and inspired new volunteers to become members.

TJX Knitters and Crocheters held their annual yarn drive which resulted in many skeins of yarn donated. Our Massachusetts chapter has welcomed new members and continues to donate beautiful blankets, hats and scarves.

Hooked On Volunteering Chapter keeps Western, NY supplied with comforting and practical items. They introduced “walker totes” to nursing home patients which were very well received.

News from Napa

Susan Blake, coordinator, and volunteers of **From The Heart of Napa Valley Chapter** have been knitting in heart and soul with their partners on the East Coast. They have made 650 hat and scarf sets for the needy in the Napa, California area. They are ready for holiday delivery to families with newborns, older children and foster kids as well. Winter sets in later on the West Coast and our Napa Chapter services the Napa Police Department and veterans' homes with hats and scarves.

In Memoriam

Frances Calabrese

Frances Calabrese was a devoted volunteer since Care To Knit's beginnings. She was a caring person, mother, and grandmother who served her Hackensack, New Jersey community in a number of charitable ways. Her talent for knitting was well-known and her scarves were always a welcome donation. Each one was done with such care and in an array of colors. Her beautiful donations brought comfort to many and we are privileged to have had her participation.

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The **Needlers** remember a dear friend --

Some of us knew Koi in high school. Years later we united to form with others a chapter of CTK, The Needlers. Koi showed her talent in crocheting blankets and hats. Her expertise aided us in finishing our creations with "style." The Needlers honored Koi by designing three blankets, one for each of her grandchildren. Koi will always hold a special place in our chapter and hearts.

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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