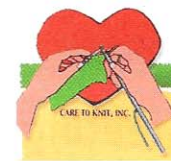


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MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE STITCH AT A TIME...



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Dear Friend,

Greetings from CARE TO KNIT! Did you know that statistics show start-up non-profits last no more than 5 years? We have defied the odds! We can proudly say that we are well into our fifth year and show no signs of slowing down. Why can we say this? It is because of the generosity of donors and supporters who believe in our mission.

Our local and national chapters have made an impact on the growth of our organization. This year we welcomed more chapters and our first international chapter, CARE TO KNIT South Africa. Our volunteer schools have adopted causes that are special to them. Sock monkeys to match hats for children who are ill, helmetliners for our troops, blankets for nursing homes, teens fulfilling community service are just a few of the ways our youngsters are giving back.

We are often asked, "I don't knit or crochet, how can I help?" We have been hosted at networking events, corporate functions, and private parties (even a bridal shower!) where guests have been asked to bring a yarn donation. Yarn is the core of our organization, yet we have operating costs that face any small non-profit. We have met the challenge of keeping CARE TO KNIT alive because of the loyalty of our supporters.

Save the Dates!

- March 6, 2010 – KNIT IN
Harborfields Library, Greenlawn, NY 10:00 am
 - April 9, 2010 – 5th Anniversary Spring Event
The Woodlands, Woodbury, NY 7:30 pm
- Visit our website for further details!

A message from Ines Basso Glick, Executive Director



We are counting on that loyalty to help us through another year of helping others. After reading our newsletter it is our hope that you will include us in your charitable gift giving. You'll find our donation form on the back of this newsletter.

At this special time of year we send our sincerest thanks and good wishes for a joyful holiday among your loved ones.

Warmest regards,
Ines Basso Glick

Think Pink Campaign Brings New Comfort

Comforting pillows to help women recuperate from breast cancer surgery were designed by Arlene Nekrutman (l) and made with the help of Millie Bonavisa (r), both members of the Bel Aire Knit Chicks Chapter. Many of these pillows are being donated to local and national breast cancer support groups.



Become an at-home volunteer

Greetings from the Board Chair

~ Ivy H. Greenburg

As **CARE TO KNIT** continues to grow, so does our involvement with the corporations and non-profit organizations with whom we partner. In July we were fortunate to be invited to visit the New York City location of the International Refugee Commission (IRC) where Ines, Gloria Cooper (our 2008 honoree), and I were given a tour of the facility. We discussed the needs of the IRC from our perspective of helping those in need. Since then, we have donated blankets, hats and scarves for legal immigrants who have recently entered the country.

Ines and I were invited to visit the headquarters of the TJX Companies in Massachusetts this summer. We met with the TJX volunteers and explained our mission and discussed where their knitted and crocheted items are donated. We presented many of their items to the local American Cancer Society Chapter during our luncheon there. We thank Kari Maguda, our chapter coordinator, for her work with the TJX chapter and the coordination of our trip.



Meadow Drive School Principal Patricia Molloy (l) accepts the CARE TO KNIT 2009 Volunteer School of the Year Award from Ines Basso Glick (r). Meadow Drive teachers and students initiated the fundraising for CTK's "Helmetliners For Our Troops" campaign.

Join one of our chapters... or start a new chapter

CTK Welcomes New Board Member

~Ellen Miller

As the newest member of the board of CTK, I was awed by the generosity and hard work of the board, committee members, knitting groups and student volunteers. It is clear that everyone involved is devoted to this worthy cause.

I am pleased to announce our affiliation with an organization to which I belong, The Nassau Reading Council (NRC), and their "Books for Babies" program, during which educators instruct teenage mothers on the importance of reading to their children. Along with NRC's gift of books, each mother will receive a handmade sweater, scarf or baby blanket.

Future plans include donating to additional area nursing homes and shelters and encouraging local schools to have students participate in **CARE TO KNIT** for community service projects.

Congratulations to our 2009 Honoree!

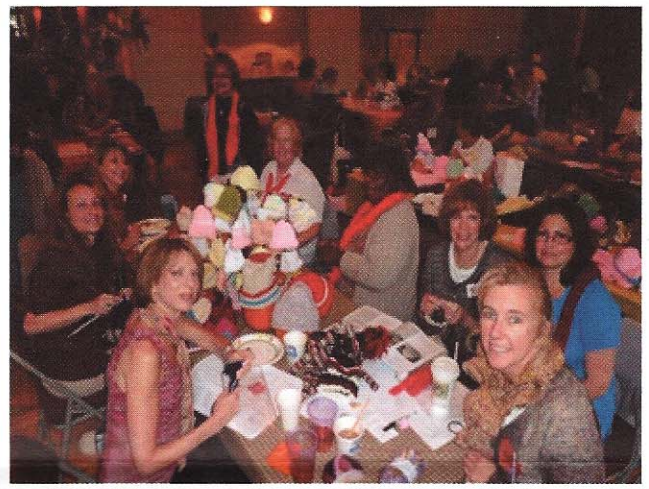


Phyllis Frisher

Knit Ins Spread the Warmth

Isn't it amazing when an idea becomes reality? That was the result when The Needlers' coordinator, Betty Volpe, and The Heartwarmers co-coordinators, Linda Windsor and Nancy Johnson, joined forces to chair two very successful KNIT INS at the Harborfields Library in Greenlawn, New York.

Knitters and crocheters gathered in winter to "Warm Up Long Island". They made and joined squares into 36 beautiful blankets that were donated to Winthrop Cancer Center for Kids and The Family Service League. When autumn approached they came together again for "Hats, Hats, Hats!" While music played, participants enjoyed refreshments and created hats in all sizes. Over 1000 hats were delivered to hospitals, shelters and chemotherapy infusion centers. The camaraderie and creativity of both events exemplified the spirit of "making a difference one stitch at a time."



Sew our label in donated items

Fulfill a community service obligation

Barbara Lehman, 5th grade teacher at Floyd B. Watson School in Rockville Centre, NY, and her students created "Helen's Sock Monkeys" which were paired with hats made at CTK's KNIT IN. These charming creatures brought smiles to the children at Winthrop Cancer Center For Kids.



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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