



TOUCHING LITTLE LIVES

Newsletter

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BOARD NEWS

I would like to share our activity numbers with you for the first six months of 2015. It is likely that many of you are not aware of the hours that are dedicated to producing the wonderful items that we create or the amount of items that go out to help the babies of Ohio!!

Volunteer hours – 30,463

Items turned in -17,806

Items delivered – 19,752

The Board appreciates the dedication of all of its volunteers. Every quilt created, sandwiched and tied; every mitten or toy traced; every afghan, bootie, hat or sweater knitted or crocheted; every blanket or bib sewn; every infant loss item made and every delivery completed makes a difference. The need is great and with your help we CAN make a difference.

SAVE OUR STAMPS

In 2013 we did our “Save Our Stamps” fundraiser. It was our most successful fundraiser ever. We collected 1265 stamps and over \$300 in cash to help defray our postage costs. Spending money on postage is one of the necessary costs in the day-to-day running of TLL. Our postage costs include sending out our quarterly newsletter to almost 130 volunteers, sending thank you letters and tax receipts, mailing delivery report forms from the hospitals and mailing layettes to facilities or individuals who do not receive regular deliveries. Due to your generosity in 2013 we had enough stamps to send out 6 newsletters (120 people each quarter). We also had enough stamps to send out our tax receipts and thank you letters, and our delivery reports well into 2014!

We are again asking you to participate in the “Save Our Stamps” drive. Over the next three months we are asking you to donate a book of 20 stamps to TLL (cost is about \$10.00). If you can't afford to give a book of stamps, give

us 1 stamp or 4 stamps or 10 stamps or whatever you feel led to give. NO gift is too small. EVERY stamp makes a difference and helps us use the money we receive to provide more for the babies. Your work group coordinator will have a baby bottle for your stamps at your next two to three meetings. If you don't attend a meeting, feel free to send your stamps or monetary donation to us at our corporate address (listed on the last page of the newsletter). A tax receipt can be provided, just give us your name and address when you make your donation and let us know you would like a receipt. The final stamp count will be published in our next newsletter. If you have any questions please contact Sally Bricker at sag55@sbcglobal.net or 614-653-3352.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Moose Lodge 1245 hosted a community service recognition program on Saturday, September 26. A special presentation and a monetary donation was given to TLL by the Supreme Governor of Moose International, Terry Walls. Mayor Westcamp of Groveport was also in attendance. The Groveport police department and the



Madison Fire Department were also recognized. Our sincere thank you to the Moose Lodge for its contribution and for its ongoing support of our organization. We have been affiliated with this lodge for many,

many years. They have been very generous over the years with their donations as well as allowing us to use their facility for our meetings.

We would like to recognize IBEW local 683 members and retirees for their recent donation to TLL. IBEW local 683 has monetarily supported TLL for many years and it is sincerely appreciated.

HARRY'S BACK-----



You may remember last year when Harry from Maryland brought us a large amount of his wife's stash of fabric. We are actually STILL using it!! In August, his daughter Tania contacted us to see if we wanted more. Of course we said YES!! Tania drove a U-Haul truck from Maryland and filled Sally's garage again. We had about 10 volunteers sorting fabric for most of the afternoon. Of course some was taken home to make quilts. We thank Harry and Tania for their generous donation of time and materials. We were saddened to learn that Harry's wife had passed away this past March. We send our sincerest condolences to the family.

The volunteers from the Village Chapel in Ashville sent us these darling OSU bibs, hats and booties. We love them! Thank you for all you do.



Welcome to our new group of volunteers "Sewsilly Seniors". Linda met with them this month at Joann fabrics in Reynoldsburg and collected 17 quilts that they had completed in the past couple months. We are happy to have their help.



A big thank you goes out to the Columbus Mother of Twins group. They selected Touching Little Lives to receive money from the early bird entry fees at their recent Fall Kids Clothing and Equipment sale.

Thanks to Diane R. in Kentucky for the cute quilts, hats and bib. The appliques made them so very wonderful!



The Grove City work group would like to recognize and thank Maggie R. and Patty H. from Florida for their support of TLL. They have provided us with dozens of crochet items over the past two years.

Our volunteers from St. Phillips church in Circleville sent some pictures of the group busy at work. This group creates quilts, bibs, afghans and other items for us. Thank you for your ongoing support!



TLL was invited to host an informational booth in Groveport at a Sewing and Quilt Smorgasbord event. Sally, Linda and Charlotte O. set up our display and shared information about TLL with those attending. Several people expressed interest in joining our group.



THIS AND THAT

We have been getting many emails returned due to undeliverable addresses as well as newsletters returned in the mail due to address changes. Please remember to

let us know if your email or home address has changed. Also if you no longer want to receive the newsletter, please let us know so that we can take you off our list.

We have two sergers available for loan. Priority will go to anyone willing to sew sleepers and onesies.

Don't forget to turn in your used ink cartridges. The credit we get from them helps to defray our cost for paper, envelopes and ink cartridges.

There is still a little time to turn in your Buckeye quilts by the end of October. We plan on distributing them early to mid-November. Even if yours aren't done in time, please



get them turned in. All hospitals like getting OSU themed quilts any time of year!

GO BUCKS!!

Deadline for Christmas quilts is October. Please plan to turn finished quilts into your work groups as soon as possible. Any that are received later will be saved for next year!

THANK YOU LETTERS

Our latest addition to our gaP family is sweet baby Zeal. He was born to his beautiful mother, Chichi. Thank you so much for the precious quilt you have made for him. It is certainly appreciated, and will certainly be loved by that little guy. You certainly are touching little lives ;) Monica F., Director gaP



We are truly touched by your faithful efforts on behalf of the central Ohio babies. Their moms are delighted to have the lovely handmade items. Thank you for the July 2015 delivery to the Grant Outpatient clinic.

On behalf of our clients and staff at Our Lady Guadalupe Center we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for your generous donation. With your help

we provided all of our expecting mothers with personalized care packages. *Sincerely, OLGC staff.*

Ethan just celebrated his 10th birthday with the blanket provided by Touching Little Lives. He was born at 33 weeks. He hasn't let go of his blanket since. You all do a wonderful job and we thank you.



Our first mom in our gaP mentoring program had her baby. She named him Noah, and we had a volunteer embroider his name and birth date, June 11, on the quilt. She absolutely LOVED IT!! Thank you for adding a personal touch to their lives. Many thanks and blessings.
Monica F. Director gaP

We want to let you know how very much we appreciate your support of our moms and babes in the prenatal clinic where we serve so many underprivileged clients. They love the items handmade and are so tickled when they receive their bundle. You all are awesome to share your resources and talents with us. We are blessed. Thank you,
Patrice L. Clinic Nurse

Baby Emmett thanks you SO MUCH for the teddy bear blanket!! We appreciate it greatly!♥♥
Cassie W.



Thank you very much for everything ya'll have done. I really appreciate it very much. Thank you again. *Lisa R. through Nationwide Children's Teen and Pregnant Clinic.*

Being hospitalized in my 31st week of pregnancy and staying until delivery at 33 weeks did not allow me the

opportunity to prepare for my son's arrival. While at the NICU at OSU, we were given some of your items. A beautiful scarlet and gray quilt was placed over his incubator, giving it more of a human, rather than medical feel to his environment. An adorable sleep sack was used to keep him warm when he was moved to an open crib, and a colorful burp cloth was used instead of the disposable ones. I can't thank the volunteers enough for helping to make a tough time feel more normal and loving. My little Eli Samuel is doing great at home.
Carrie W. mom of Eli Samuel (now 4 months old)

Thank you so much for using my wedding dress for my baby girl, River. This is such a blessing. *Cheandra D.* (Cheandra, unfortunately was told her baby would be still born or only survive a short time after birth, she asked that we make her wedding dress into a burial gown for River)

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. The items you made were a beautiful gift and are all the more meaningful for being crafted with love. My husband and I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and efforts on behalf of our son and the many other children you reach. May God richly bless each of you as you have blessed others. With grateful hearts, *Henry's mother and father.*

Just wanting to let you know that we really like your blankets. We had our first child on July 4th, a boy named Raymond and we received two of your nice blankets. Thank you from *the Rio Grande Amish, Perry H.*

WORK GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

- Chillicothe** -4th Saturday of each month (10-2) Adena Hospital, Tecumseh Room.
- Columbus** –MOOSE- 2nd. Thursday of each month (10-1) Moose Lodge 1245 at 220 Main St. Groveport, OH
- Columbus** – COOL 3rd. Tuesday of each month (6-8) at the Church of Our Lady, 5225 Refugee Rd.
- Grove City** – 3rd. Friday of each month (10-2) at the United Methodist Church 2684 Columbus St. Grove City, OH
- Delaware**- 1st. Friday of each month (9:30-11) at Willow Brook at Delaware Run, 100 Delaware Crossing.
- Westerville**- 3rd. Saturday of each month (12-2) at the Heritage Christian Church, 7413 Maxtown Rd. Room 102 Westerville, OH.

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