



# TOUCHING LITTLE LIVES

## Newsletter

Fourth Quarter

October – December

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### BOARD NEWS

We had a busy first half in 2016. Our activity numbers reflected the dedication of our volunteers to provide for premature and needy babies in Ohio.

Volunteer hours – 29,255

Items turned in – 16,391

Items delivered – 17,786

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.

Board member, Judy Martin, recently resigned as Trustee due to other ongoing priorities. We want to thank her for her service to our Board as she has devoted much time and energy to TLL. This has included making presentations to groups, picking up and dropping off supplies, making deliveries to Gallipolis, and also making numerous items for “our” babies. Judy has done all this with enthusiasm and joy. We will miss her on the Board, but are glad she will be able to contribute her energies to other pursuits.

Although we will miss Judy's presence, we are happy to announce the addition of two new members to our Board. Charlotte Oliver has been a member of the Moose work group for about 3 years and was active in TWIG before volunteering for us. Laurel Grubbs has been a volunteer for the Westerville work group for 5 years and also currently volunteers as an English Language tutor. Both Charlotte and Laurel also make deliveries for TLL.

Please join us in welcoming these two ladies to our Board. We thank them both for taking on the responsibility to help guide the day to day activity and decisions of TLL.



Charlotte



Laurel

### SAVE OUR STAMPS

We are asking for your help again this year to “Save Our Stamps.” This will be our ONLY fundraiser for the year. For those new to TLL, we are asking volunteers to donate one book of stamps to help with our postage needs for the year. With the donations of stamps from last year, we were able to mail out all four of our newsletters to over 130 volunteers each quarter. We also were able to send out our day to day correspondence such as delivery reports from hospitals, thank you letters, tax receipts, etc. Monetary donations received were used to send out all of our packages for this year. The money saved has allowed us to use these funds to buy fabric, yarn and other supplies that go directly towards making items for the babies. So please consider helping us with these necessary costs by donating a stamp, a book of stamps or any monetary donation you wish. October through December, you can turn in your donation to your work group coordinator or mail it directly to us at our corporate address. Tax receipts can be provided upon request.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DELAWARE

The Delaware workgroup celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the beginning of September. The group started with just a handful of volunteers and meetings were held in the community room of the local Buehler's grocery store. Three years later the meeting was moved to Willow Brook Delaware Run. The group continues to grow. Most recently a group from Willow



Brook Village has joined to work on TLL items. Robin H., the work group coordinator says it has been a pleasure and honor working with this group and she looks forward to many more years of working with such wonderful, dedicated and talented volunteers.



## CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathy is sent to Martha A. who lost her husband unexpectedly in August. Martha is from the Dayton area (Tipp City) and sends us hand sewn quilt tops periodically.

Sally M. (Coshocton, OH) passed away in June. She was an avid supporter of TLL and sent us many, many knitted hats and really loved her work for the babies of Ohio.

## THIS AND THAT

Finished Buckeye quilts should ideally be turned in at your October meetings or by early November, at the latest. We need to get them to OSU in time for Michigan week. Christmas quilts that need to be tied should be turned in as soon as possible. Finished Christmas quilts can be turned in at your October or November meetings.

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

In the past six months, we have received very few requests for burial gowns or outfits. Hopefully, this means there have been fewer infant losses. Hospitals may also be supplied by other agencies. We currently have no need

for ANY burial gowns/outfits, burial afghans (size 16" square and smaller), buntings, etc. Due to the decrease in demand, we have a large supply of all of these items on hand ready to use if needed. We are asking that instead of making burial items, please make items for our newborns instead. We will let you know in the next newsletter if we need you to begin to make burial items again. On a similar note, we are currently not accepting wedding gowns, but are suggesting they be donated to "Angel Gowns" instead. We are still being asked for memorial items such as early loss ribbons and memorial hearts, so we will continue to make and deliver these. If you have any questions, please talk to your work group coordinator or contact us at [info@touchinglittlelives.org](mailto:info@touchinglittlelives.org).

Although we have a steady supply of newborn hats coming in to keep our babies' heads warm, we are in great need of newborn booties to keep their toes warm as well. Please make sure any hats and booties are made with baby yarn since they come in contact with the baby's delicate skin. We have plenty of preemie hats, but we can use some preemie booties. Please check our website for guidelines on size and yarn types for both our hats and booties.

Touching Little Lives recently completed the Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity renewal application process and our charity is again accredited with the Better Business Bureau. Thanks Sal, for your work on this.

With the holidays fast approaching there are two easy ways to help raise money for TLL by turning your on-line shopping into donations for Touching Little Lives. Sign up for iGive at [www.iGive/touchinglittlelivesinc](http://www.iGive/touchinglittlelivesinc). It is totally free plus you get access to free shipping deals and exclusive coupons, on top of great deals. [www.smile.amazon](http://www.smile.amazon) is another on-line shopping site that contributes a percentage of your purchase to TLL. The entire shopping experience is the same and most products available on amazon.com and amazon prime are available at smile.amazon. Designate TLL as your charity and start shopping!

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We are pleased to again have the support of the GE Community Service Fund of GE Aviation. Their donation to TLL this year will go a long way in purchases to support our babies.

Thank you to the Moose Lodge 1245 of Groveport for their continued monetary support of TLL as well as for opening their doors to us for our monthly work group meetings.



Thanks to Adena hospital for their support of Touching Little Lives. They had this poster/sign made to direct volunteers to our meeting there.

From the Grove City work group, thanks to Jackie E. for her 65 quilt tops and to Mary M. for the lovely bereavement gowns, rompers, and crocheted sweater sets.

Of course we are always thankful to all of our volunteers who contribute at meetings or from home. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you.

Thank you to Fairfield World for the extra batting they provided us.

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Northup Baptist Church volunteers began making quilts for TLL in 2008 with 6 volunteers. Since that time the volunteers have grown to over 15 and the group just recently completed their 4000th quilt. What a wonderful group, we thank you!!



The volunteers in Gallipolis recently sent us 170 finished quilts. With some from Grove City and Westerville we netted 300 quilts ready to be distributed.



Thanks from Linda to her neighboring "army" for helping load her van each month for the Moose meeting!!



## LETTERS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you so much for the items you donated and worked so hard to make. Our patients love them and truly appreciate them. *Grady Memorial staff*

This is to thank you for the nice baby blanket you gave us. Sarah H. was the midwife and gave the blanket to us. Our baby is now about 8 months old. It's our first baby, a boy named David. Thank you and may God bless. *Allen and Miriam, Patriot, OH.*

Thank you so much for the large donation of blankets, burp cloths, sleepers, toys, socks and mittens. What an amazing gift you have given. Our business is booming and we are helping many families bring their new babies into the world! Sometimes a new mommy doesn't have everything she needs for her new little one. Your donations help us bless them. May you be blessed back for all you have done and given. *Jackie L. RN, Southview Maternity, Dayton, OH.*

Thank you sooooo much. I love my baby's new blanket!! Thank you for the beautiful blanket for my baby girl. I love it. These are notes from patients who received blankets. As you can see they loved them. *Grant Outpatient Clinic.*



My sons received their gorgeous little quilts today at the Dr!! And we love them! As do they!!! Thank you guys so much!!!

Summer is in full swing and we hope each and every one of you wonderful volunteers has a great one. Thank you

for taking the time to remember our patients and babies her at the Grant Outpatient clinic. We appreciate everything you bring us and the effort you make. Thanks for the warm packs, the pregnant patients can really use them and of course the bibs are always adorable. *Terrie R. Grant Outpatient Care Center.*

Please accept our heartfelt thank you for your generous donation. Our families enjoy the blankets and layette bags so much! Please know that your donation makes a huge difference in many of our baby's lives. With much gratitude, *The Nurse Family Partnership, Columbus, OH.*

Thank you so much for taking time to make a beautiful blanket for our little girl. It was such a nice surprise after she was in the special care nursery for a few days. Thank you for your kindness. *Mary, Rob and Ella*

On behalf of Turning Point, I would like to thank you for the generous donation of infant gifts. How nice of you to think of us. Help such as yours makes it possible for Turning Point to successfully address the needs of victims of domestic violence. Thank you again for your support of Turning Point and the women and children we receive. Sincerely, *Paula*



My name is Tabatha and my little Margaret was born seven weeks early at a mere 3.69 lbs on February 10th; she was delivered via c-section. I remember going into the NICU and seeing this beautiful blanket draped over her isolette and thought I wish I could take that home and to my surprise we were allowed to! My Margaret is now close to 11lbs and is five months old; she is home and healthy and beautiful! I just wanted to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for the blanket and the bag we received filled with onesies, booties, burp cloth, bibs, a little teddy and other mementos that we will always treasure! I pray that you all are able to continue your great works! And I hope you know how meaningful this all is! God bless you for the work you do. *Tabatha B.*

Thank you's were also received from Licking Memorial hospital and Nationwide Children's Hospital.

## FROM YOUR HOUSE TO OURS



From team, Saranne, Becky, and Diane

Line dried blankets from Tamara

## WORK GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

Chillicothe -4th Saturday of each month (10-2) Shawnee Room 1&2 Adena Hospital. (See meeting change for Nov.)

Columbus –MOOSE- 2nd. Thursday of each month (10 - 1) Moose Lodge 220 Main St. Groveport, OH (Behind the Dairy Queen)

Columbus – COOL 3rd. Tuesday of each month (6-8) at the Church of Our Lady, 5225 Refugee Rd. Columbus, OH

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.

## MEETING CANCELLATIONS

-Chillicothe meeting for November is changed to November 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be no December meeting.

-The COOL meeting will be cancelled for December

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