



TOUCHING LITTLE LIVES

Newsletter

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BOARD NEWS

Our annual report is now complete for 2016. We are pleased to announce that we were able to donate 37,333 items to premature and needy newborns in Ohio through the approximately 50 hospitals and health facilities that we serve. This increased our output by 3600 items over 2015! Volunteers worked a total of 55,622 hours to allow us to serve those in need. Touching Little Lives is fiscally sound thanks to the donations, grants and in-kind donations that we have received. For a complete look at what was accomplished please refer to our web page at www.touchinglittlelives.org under "Financials" for the full report. Thank you to all that have worked so faithfully and to those that have donated time, funds and materials to help us have another great year!

TLL -a-THON 2017

Mark your calendars for the next TLL-a-THON. It's an event you won't want to miss!!

June 24th from 10a.m. -4p.m.

Parson's Baptist Church

3930 Parson's Ave, Columbus, OH 43207

We will be sewing bibs, tying quilts, sewing onesies and sleep sacs, sewing quilts tops, sandwiching quilts, stuffing animals, completing infant loss items and several other activities. You can also bring your crochet or knitting projects to work on if you wish. There will be something to do for all skill levels. We will be supplying the materials so just bring your sewing machines, serger, needles or just yourself. Stay for the day or just a few hours.

We will kicking off our Buckeye Babies project and also have fabric, yarn and other supplies available for volunteers to take home.

Come meet other volunteers and try out different projects. Children are welcome when accompanied by an adult. We will have donuts and coffee in the morning and water

available as well. **Please bring a covered dish for our potluck.**

As always, we will have several raffles to participate in. Bring a monetary donation (no matter the amount) and you will be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

Directions from I-270. Exit north on 23 North/High St. Turn right at first traffic light (Obetz Road). Continue on Obetz Road to the next traffic light. Parsons Baptist Church is right in front of you. Turn right on to Parsons Avenue and then left into the parking lot. We will have signs marking the entrance to our meeting room.



HELP TOUCHING LITTLE LIVES, INC. HELP THE BABIES OF OHIO Kroger will donate funds to Touching Little Lives, Inc. based on the purchases you make every day! Kroger

requires re-registration on a yearly basis in April. If you have previously registered, please remember to re-register as soon as possible. If you haven't yet registered IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3. Go online to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Just by shopping at KROGER and using your PLUS card and registering on line at Kroger Community Rewards, supporters can earn funds for our organization on almost everything, every time you shop, even on gift cards and gasoline

THIS AND THAT

Condolences are sent to Connie Raymers (MOOSE) at the loss of her husband.

Our need for quilts is never ending. Over the past months we have struggled to have enough to meet our delivery requests. Thank you to our quilters for all the beautiful quilts that have come our way. We appreciate completed quilts but also can use quilt tops that can be finished at several of our work group meetings. New born size booties are also in short supply. We especially can use

neutral colors (yellow, green, white variegated pink and blue). New born hats are always in demand. Please remember to check our guidelines on our website for correct sizes and materials to be used for all items especially in the area of hats. ALL hats and booties need to be made from baby yarn or very soft 4 ply yarn. Worsted weight yarn is too rough for the delicate baby's skin. Also, please make newborn hats at least 6" tall and have a circumference of at least 11" and stretch to a circumference of at least 13". Hats that are not made of the correct yarn or are not large enough CAN NOT be donated as they cannot be used by the hospitals. Our guidelines are meant to help our volunteers not waste their time, effort or money in making things that we are unable to donate. If you have any questions, please speak to your workgroup coordinator or contact us at info@touchinglittlelives.org

We are not in need of premie hats at this time. Many times premie babies in the isolettes are not dressed in hats and by the time they are out of the isolette, premie hats will no longer fit. So the demand from the hospitals is very low and we have quite a supply of premie hats right now that we are not using.

We appreciate all the hard work TLL's many volunteers put into making items for "our" babies. Our biggest needs continue to be quilts, sleepers, onesies, sleep sacks, fleece and flannel blankets, afghans (36" by 36"), hats and booties. These are the items most requested and used by our hospitals and health centers. If you don't sew, new baby items are always accepted.

Please, Please, Please check your quilts for pins and needles before you turn them in! We had a mom call us telling us she found a needle in the quilt her baby received. Luckily, the baby wasn't stuck by the pin, but we don't ever want anything we provide for the babies to be unsafe.

If you drop off items at Sew n Save please mark TLL on the outside of your bag. Sew n Save is a drop off site for other organizations and it is easy to get items mixed up if they are not identified properly. They don't want to send our items to the wrong organization.

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate used print cartridges to TLL. At our last purchase we were able to spend \$80 in rewards and purchased 4 print cartridges (to print delivery reports, tax receipts, and day to day record

keeping), a sharpie, a 6 pack of scotch tape, 2 packages of cover stock paper (for our early loss ribbons and memorial hearts) for a grand total of \$8.40! Thanks for helping us save so much money and keep those cartridges coming

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



Way to go Irene! She turned in her 550th sleep sack this quarter. She is a member of the Delaware work group. Thanks again for all you do for TLL!

From our former chairperson, Marianne. Sleepers made with love and sent all the way from Idaho – Thanks Marianne!!!



Thank you to the ladies at Northup Baptist Church in Gallipolis for the 83 quilts that were turned in. They are much needed and will definitely keep our babies warm!



Teresa B. made these "scratch" mittens from the scraps left after cutting out sleepers and onesies. We don't like to waste anything!!

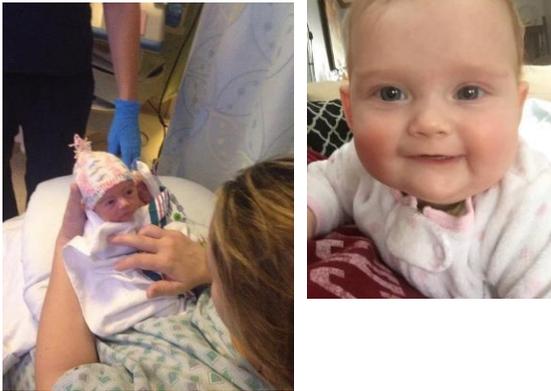
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The past two years, we've applied for a grant from the city of Groveport for funds to pay for 5 rolls of batting. We are happy to announce that this year's application was approved. Thank you Groveport! We'll get busy making those quilts!!!

Thank you to the Groveport Moose Lodge for your continued monetary support of TLL and also for allowing us a place to have our meetings.

THANK YOU'S TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Here's Corrine at 4 pounds born at 34 weeks. She spent 17 days in the NICU and is now a healthy and happy 13 pounds! Look at those cheeks!



We appreciate Touching Little Lives for being so generous and helping our little bundles of love with jackets, sleep sacks, shirts, onsies, blankets and little stuffed animals. **TYA S.**



Please thank all of your volunteers for their time and dedication into making all the baby items you donate to our clinic every month. Our patients and families are very appreciative as well as our staff. Our new moms get so excited about their “gift bags” and practically tear through appreciated. They are adorable. Having a cute, handmade item to give each patient helps in building a good relationship. Also thank you for the rice holders for our pregnant moms. They really ease the aches and pains of pregnancy. Everything is given to the patients and really enjoyed. **Staff of Grant Outpatient OB clinic.**

Thank you so much for your recent delivery of handmade “goodies” to the Grant Outpatient care center. The items are well received and appreciated by our patients. Having a cute, handmade item to give each patient helps in building a good relationship. We also really appreciate the

rice bags which we can give each centering patient. They really ease the aches and pains of pregnancy. Thanks again for your continued dedication to the babies of Central Ohio. **Terri R. Grant Outpatient Care Center**

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Thank you so much for your faithful donations of booties and quilts. These are such a blessing to our clients to help them envision little feet in the booties and babies wrapped in quilts. **Jenna, Heartbeats Newark, OH.**

Just a note of thanks and appreciation for your generous donation in September and November 2016. You truly are touching the hearts and lives of our tiniest patients and their families. You will be happy to know that we utilize your donation frequently to those families experiencing financial need and provide them with a beautiful blanket and outfit. We tell them great love and care went into making of these precious gifts. Thank you again for your faithfulness and generosity. God bless you. **Jackie L. Clinical Nurse Manager, Southview Maternity, Dayton, OH.**

Thanks doesn't begin to cover how greatly we appreciate your continued support of our little clinic. Our moms love receiving the booties, hats, and blankets. The sleep sacks are adorable! **Mercy Hospital Fairfield Outpatient Clinic, Fairfield, OH.**

On behalf of the Life Pregnancy Center in Washington Courthouse, we want you to know how thankful we were to receive the beautiful handmade diaper bags. You just know they were made with love and a great item to give to new moms that we filled with baby items as they returned home with their little ones. We will truly miss them, but will never forget the blessings that they were to our moms and to us. We give thanks for you and all that you do. **Mary B., LIFE Pregnancy Center volunteer,**

Thank you so much for your generous donations of baby supplies. Our moms appreciate all your kindness. We as social workers want you to know that we appreciate you! **Judi F. and Beth S. Cincinnati, OH.**

On behalf of Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation, thank you for your generous donation of handmade

clothes and blankets in support of the NICU. Your thoughtfulness will help bring smiles to our patients. We greatly appreciate your support and friendship. **Niki S. Senior VP, Outreach Nationwide Children's Hospital,**

Thank you so much for your recent donation. These handmade items continue to bring comfort to new mothers and their babies. We truly appreciate your generosity and dedication to our patients, our community and to Licking Memorial Hospital. **Veronica L. VP Development and Public Relations, Licking Memorial Hospital, Newark, OH.**

On behalf of Hope United Methodist Church and especially our Hopeful Hearts ladies, thank you to all the talented people who make the beautiful baby items you donated to us. We are sure your efforts will be needed and appreciated by the mothers and children that we serve. We look forward to our future association with your group of wonderful volunteers. Thank you so much. **Linda W., Hopeful Hearts**



MEET AUBRIELLE

We thank God for your participation in this ministry! The Lord is using your prayers and support to bless families like Aubrielle's whose parents we have had the joy and privilege of serving in their transition from pregnancy to parenthood. **Heartbeats**

My daughter Soctlynn was born at 35 weeks on Christmas Day. After spending 16 days in the NICU she was allowed to go home as an outpatient at Children's Hospital. On one of our many visits to go and get lab work done we received a beautiful pink and blue quilt from one of your volunteers. It was such a nice surprise. What was a very sad day, "momma's nerves" turned into a smile. Thank you so much for your kindness. Scotlynn has already had many snuggles with her new blanket. Thanks, **Mike, Selina & Scotlynn**

I just wanted to reach out and say thank you so much for the gift set we received while our daughter, Gabriella "Ella" Rose was in special care nursery at Southview this past September. We are very grateful for all of the love and support your gift provided us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
Bethanie S.



In November 2014, TLL was featured in the Columbus Dispatch along with the Waugh family quads, Jackson, Dylan, Owen and Millie born at OSU hospital. They spent a number of weeks in the NICU and each one received one of our Buckeye Babies quilts. Here is the Waugh family with their "little" ones 2 years later. Look how "our babies" have grown!

WORK GROUP MEETING SCHEDULES

Chillicothe -4th Saturday of each month (10-2)
Shawnee Room 1&2 Adena Hospital.

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/CHANGES –
Chillicothe meeting for May is changed to May 20th

Moose meeting for June changed to June 15th.

Westerville meeting for April is changed to April 8th

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