



TOUCHING LITTLE LIVES NEWSLETTER

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SOS: 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. We use these stamp donations to mail out our four newsletters for the year, and our day to day correspondence such as delivery reports from hospitals, thank you letters, tax receipts, etc. If you would rather make a monetary donation, we use that money to send out all of our packages to individuals and/or facilities. The money we save from this fundraiser allows us to use more of our 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. From 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 furnished upon request.

USED CLOTHING

This year TLL has started accepting donations of used clothing. We currently have eleven facilities that will accept newborn and larger sizes of used clothing up to about size 4T. Many families in need cannot afford adequate clothing for their newborn as well as for their older children. We have been able to send an average of 300-400 pieces of used clothing out EACH month for the last several months. We hope to continue and expand the amount of clothing we can send out each month. So, if you have used baby clothing or find bargain clothing at thrift stores or garage sales, please consider donating them to TLL so we can “touch more lives”. Stay tuned for details on our used clothing challenge for 2019! We'll tell you all about it in our January newsletter.

A case in point: “Attention: Help is needed, I just discovered a former student is in need of baby items and baby clothes from 3-9 mo. and up. She has encountered some really rough times and has a 9 mo. old and an 18 mo. old and has little to nothing for them. If anyone has anything from clothes, to shoes, to a bouncy seat, or toys she has nothing and is the process of

Getting her life together for her boys. Any donation would help no matter how small.

FRIENDSHIP GARDEN QUILT RAFFLE

Marilyn R., Naomi O., Roxanne F., Earlene S. & Vickie D. from the Grove City work group got together to make a quilt to be raffled off with the proceeds going to Touching Little Lives. The quilt is 58” X 58” in size and is all handmade, pieced and appliqued. The quilt was entered into the Arts in the Alley quilt show and received a first place ribbon.

These talented ladies are hoping you will participate in this raffle to help raise money for TLL. Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, or 15 for \$10.00. You may purchase raffle tickets at your work group meeting or by sending your money, name, and phone number to Sally at our corporate address. Please make out checks to “Touching Little Lives”.

We will try to get the quilt to each of the work group meetings so that you can see it in person. Please check out the pictures on Facebook to see the quilt in color along with some close ups of the details. We also will also have flyers available for you to share with family, friends or church to help raise even more money.



The raffle will begin immediately and tickets must be purchased by November 30th. The drawing will take place during the first week of December. Two board members and at least one other volunteer will be present during the drawing to ensure the drawing is fair and impartial. The winner will be contacted by phone and announced on Facebook and in our next newsletter.

Please consider purchasing one or more raffle tickets to ensure that the hard work of these ladies will have a big benefit for Touching Little Lives. If you have any questions email Sally at info@touchinglittlives.org or call 614-653-3352.

Friendship Garden Quilt



VOLUNTEER INFO NEEDED

Just a reminder – we are rebuilding our volunteer database. This is where we store your contact information such as address, email and phone. Our old database is very outdated, so rather than try to fix the old we are starting over. Whether you are a regular monthly volunteer, mail us your donations or just show up once in a while, we would like to make sure you are included on our list. Your information is for our internal use only. We do not sell your information or use it to solicit donations from you. Please send your information even if there have been no changes so that we can make sure that all of our information is updated and correct. Send this information by email at info@touchinglittlelives.org or give it to your work group leader. Note: If you have already provided this information we **have** added you to the database.

Information to include:

First and last name

Work group if applicable

Full mailing address

Home phone and Cell phone numbers

Email address

THIS AND THAT

Positive thoughts and best wishes go out to Teresa B. who is currently undergoing chemotherapy.

This post is for parents who may have received quilts made by Ruth Ann Leavell. She has been a longtime volunteer and has made thousands of quilts for TLL. The quilts will have our regular tag on them, plus an additional

tag with Ruth Ann's name on it. We are looking for pictures or stories from parents who have received one of Ruth Ann's quilts. Ruth Ann is currently in hospice care and would love to see pictures of her quilts in the hands of a baby or hear a story from parents who have received one of her quilts. You can post here or email us at info@touchinglittlelives.org Thank you for your help.

The T-Shirt order is in and shirts will be distributed through the October workgroup meetings or mailed if pre-arranged.

Make sure to turn in Buckeye Baby quilts in October so we can send them out to OSU hospital by November.

Please turn in Christmas quilts as soon as possible. We will be distributing them in November and December. If you are making just the quilt tops we would appreciate having them in October so that there is time to sandwich and tie them.

Every month volunteers come to Sally's house on two days to help pack quilts, layettes and deliveries for the following month. Volunteers report it is "lots of fun and informative to see how the individual items that are made get packed and ready to go out to "our" babies". This has been a tremendous help to Sally and she thanks everyone who has pitched in. If you are interested in possibly helping, please email Sally at info@touchinglittlelives.org. In general, the group meets on Monday and Tuesday from 10am – 2pm with Sally providing lunch. The work days for the next several months are:



October 23rd & 24th (NOTE: this is a Tuesday & Wednesday)

November 19th & 20th

December 17th & 18th

October deliveries packed and ready to go!!!

Please let us know if you would like to be taken off our mailing or email list or no longer wish to receive our

newsletter. We apologize if you have told us this before and it hasn't been done. With all of the transition this year some things have slipped through the cracks. Please be patient as we try to fix any of these issues.

HELP!!!! We are in DESPERATE need of Newborn size booties! We haven't given very many out over the warmer months, but soon we will have cooler days and we only have a handful of pairs right now. We need to keep those baby feet warm! Please remember to check out our guidelines for booties.... they need to be three and a half inches long and made with baby yarn. Fleece booties are also acceptable.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Emmalou R. from the Delaware work group, celebrated a milestone birthday with an open house for family and friends. She is known for the beautiful crochet booties she makes for TLL. Emmalou requested "No Gifts "and that donations be made to Touching Little Lives in honor of her birthday. She had a wonderful turn out and collected over \$200 in donations! TLL is blessed to have such caring and giving volunteers.

These are just a few of the used coats Jan K. purchased for 50 cents that are going to keep "our" babies and toddlers warm this winter.



This was a fun box that arrived from Carol A. Absolutely LOVE the multicolored sleep sac!

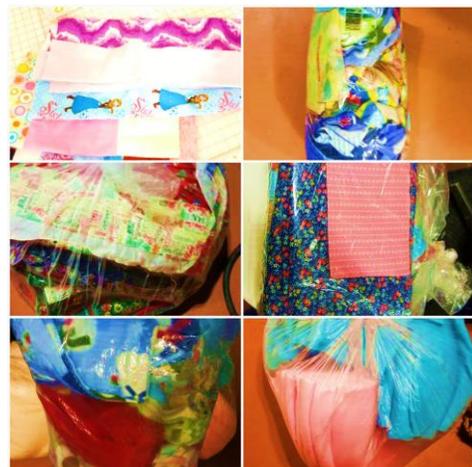


Katrina D's 11 year old niece Vanessa was dragged to the TLL-a-Thon last year. This year she asked to come. Her goal was to embellish 100



Angels. She worked hard all day and kept going as we were closing up around her, but she did it. Great job Vanessa for making your goal!!!

Charlotte O. and husband Larry have been busy creating items from the stash of fabrics she brings home from meetings each month. Two large bags of fleece, quilts to serge, a bid big bag of squares to serge, a few quilt tops, some nursing covers and a big box of burp cloths, so far!





Much needed booties from the Grove City Workgroup

Cute outfits donated by Rhonda



COMMUNITY RECOGNITION



Thanks to Connecting Threads for their donation of 4 bags of fabric and also miscellaneous rolls of cotton fabric. The bags are already out the door to be cut into quilt squares. There was also some larger pieces to be made into nursing covers and quilt backs. They had everything packed and ready to go!

Thank you to Moose Lodge 1245 and the IBEW Local Retirees Club for their continued monetary support

VOLUNTEER THANK YOUS

Thank you so much for your donation of infant items to our PDHC West Center. It is such a blessing to be able to show Christ's love through material aid to the many families we serve. People like you help make our services possible. God bless! *PDHC West Center*

“Love is cheering and sharing and compassion and giving and receiving. Love is an action thing more than a word thing that brings comfort and joy or relief to anyone or anything.” Thank you for the booties and quilts. We appreciate you love. *Heartbeats Licking County*

Thank you so much for your recent donation of bibs, booties, hats and other items. Your continued generosity

and dedication to our patients, the community, and to Licking Memorial Hospital is truly appreciated. *Veronica P. Licking Memorial Hospital*



Thank you so much for all the handmade items. Maiya loves them and so do we! Thanks for being a blessing to so many people. Sincerely David and Rachel P.

Found this website as I was going through my twin's memory box. Thank you so much for all you do. Angie B.

Sweet Volunteers, On behalf of the Grant Outpatient Clinic patients & staff, I would like to thank you for your generous June donation. We are delighted with the beautiful handmade bibs, rice bags and other items for the babies of Central Ohio. We are struck by your dedication ice and your talent. *Terrie R. for Grant Outpatient Clinic*

WORKGROUP MEETING SCHEDULES

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. 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 changes or cancellations:
Chillicothe meeting changed to November 17th.
Chillicothe meeting cancelled for December

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