



# Creative Caring Hearts

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**OUR NEXT MEETING IS:**

We take the month of **December** off to give our volunteers time with their families over the holiday.

**January 8, 2011,**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Park Vista Retirement Community**

*In the meantime, have a lovely holiday season! May all of your family times be perfectly blessed, your travels be safe, and the true "reason for the season" stay alive in your hearts and minds!*

**PARK VISTA CRAFT FAIR**

Thank you to Char Heger, Becky Purchatzke and her mom Ruby for creating the items we sold at the Park Vista Craft Fair on November 13. We stayed until noon and made \$48.00, which was then spent on toys and hygiene items! Thank you for helping us make this extra money!

**THANK YOU TO CAMP**

**CLEGHORN!**

Thank you to Sue Hackbarth and the congregation of Camp Cleghorn for their generous donation again this year! Wow! We are so blessed to have such generosity year after year!

**THANK YOU TO OUR ANONYMOUS**

**DONOR!**

Speaking of generosity year after year, our annual anonymous donor came again this year, bearing a lovely gift to us! Thank you! Thank you!

**RMC HOSPITAL LADIES JUST**

**KEEP ON GIVING!**

This month we have received fabric, yarn, and homemade items from volunteers who said they heard Mary Jo and I speak about CCH at the Auxiliary meeting in the fall. How wonderful that they keep us in mind! Thanks so much!



**THANK YOU TO BILL FLEMAL AND DAUGHTER BECKY**

Just before Thanksgiving week, I put an email out concerning a young mom who needed a car seat so that she will have one available for her son, who is due any day now. Bill (our webmaster) let his daughter Becky know of the need. Becky contacted a friend whose baby boy had just outgrown his car seat! Thanks to this string of giving people, actually several babies benefitted—the car seat and with the infant boy clothes that were also donated. Thanks so much from all concerned!

**RUTH ANN STRASSBURG**

**MEMORIAL**

You may recall that in September Dragonwings Book Store sponsored a book drive in memorial for Ruth Ann Strassburg, one of the founders of the Waupaca Preschool and a huge advocate for early childhood reading. Thanks to that book drive, Creative Caring Hearts received 26 lovely books for newborns. Other recipients included Waupaca Preschool and the Children's Department of the Waupaca Public Library! Fantastic! Thanks to any of you who participated by buying a book!

**AFTER THANKSGIVING SALE AT**

**JOANN FABRICS**

Bob and I were again at JoAnn Fabrics in the dark on the day after Thanksgiving. We have quite the system down, so we were one of the first at the cutting table. The cutting girl remembered us from last year, and, as I left, she said she looks forward to seeing us again next year. Flannel was \$1.29 per yard, just too good to pass up, so we stocked up well. Later that day, Mary Jo Feldmann stopped by, so the blanket/burp/bib flannel went right into her car. Anyone willing to help wash the rest of the flannel in preparation for being cut into sleepers, etc.? Just let me know! Thanks!

**September 2010 TOTALS**

Donations given to:	
Healthy Beginnings.....	133
Private requests.....	22
Riverside Hospital.....	397
St. Michael's Hospital.....	185
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>737</b>

Donations In.....	<b>244</b>
Volunteer Hours.....	<b>357</b>

Bags given out: **13 boys, 10 girls**  
**Running total of layettes this year:**  
**76 boys, 73 girls**

Other donations: gently used items, yarn, monetary, and toys

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**NEED OF THE MONTH-**  
**SWEATERS**

We still have a need for sweaters, either knit or crocheted, either girl or boy. Thanks! Also, if you need yarn, let me know. We do have some on hand most of the time! Feel free to use any pattern you enjoy making. I know you think I don't change this part of the newsletter, but this need is just plain on-going! Some of you have been using different patterns, which makes it fun to see new designs coming in and out. Thanks to any of you making sweaters!

**WORK GROUP ACTIVITIES**

We will be working on March and April hats. Our seniors will be stuffing baseballs and footballs. We will also be working on cutting as needed. Hope to see you there !

