



# Creative Caring Hearts

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**OUR NEXT MEETING IS:**

**February 12, 2011**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Park Vista Retirement  
Community,**

**950 County Road QQ, Waupaca  
Call 715-258-2524 for directions**

**Upcoming Meetings scheduled to be  
held at Park Vista at 9:30 a.m.:  
Saturday, March 12  
Saturday, April 9**

**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!**

**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR  
WEB PAGE LATELY?**

Be sure to check out our website. You will be delighted to see that many of our newsletters are there, along with basic information about CCH that you can share with others. Thank you immensely to Bill and Kathy Flemal! We could not do this without their attention to this site!  
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**WORK GROUP ACTIVITIES**

On February 12, we will be working on cutting out the June and July hats. Our seniors will be stuffing baseballs and footballs. We will also be working on cutting as needed. Hope to see you there!

**UPDATES ON OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**Arlene Unertl's** newborn granddaughter, Adelaide, is home from Children's Hospital, gaining weight, and mostly doing well!

**Judy Kusch** will be having surgery at UW-Madison on February 9. If all goes as expected, she will be back on the liver transplant list shortly after that! Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Judy!

We know that **Nancy Milbrandt** was having surgery, but we have not heard how she is doing. Very well, we hope! Have a great winter in Florida, Nancy!

**WONDERFUL NEWS!!**

Mary Jo Feldmann and I went to the Riverside Health Foundation meeting on Tuesday, January 11. Despite snowy weather, the members who were able to make the meeting were fascinated to hear about Creative Caring Hearts and how CCH helps the Maternal Child Health Department in Waupaca. Following the meeting, we received this wonderful email! We are working with the nurses of Maternal Child to complete the plan for the year-long project. This is a very exciting new venture!

***"Foundation Gift Remembers Pat  
Maasch, Julian Rowe***

*A layette is a collection of clothing items for newborns. A local non-profit organization, Creative Caring Hearts, assembles layettes that contain 30 items of clothing for the newborn. Creative Caring Hearts provides these layettes to the Maternal Child Health Department at RMC.*

*The RMC MCH nursing staff distributes layettes to those families who are in the most need. Last year, 66 families received a layette from the MCH staff, and the word is, these layettes are highly valued by the families.*

*A request for financial support was recently made to the Riverside Health Foundation by Jeanne Bootz and Mary Jo Feldman. They presented an overview of the work done and the expenses involved with this volunteer project.*

*Foundation President, Jack Rhodes, said, 'Our Board was impressed with the wonderful impact these layettes have on a family. We are very glad to approve a \$1,000 gift to the Creative Caring Hearts group in memory of two Board members, Pat Maasch and Julian Rowe.'* "

**Thank you!**

**January 2011 TOTALS**

Donations given to:	
Riverside Hospital.....	133
St. Michael's Hospital.....	180
Specials:	
Casa de los Angeles.....	108
Ethiopia.....	43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>464</b>

Donations In.....	252
Volunteer Hours.....	350

Layette bags given out in January:  
**4 boys, 4 girls**

**Running total of layettes this year:  
4 boys, 4 girls**

Other donations: fabric, gently used clothing, yarn

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**Edlebecks Take Items to Mexico and  
Ethiopia**

Dan, Caroline, Ann Marie, and Maggie Edlebeck went to Casa de los Angeles for the month of January, taking with them items we were able to donate to the children there. Casa de los Angeles is a day care center in Mexico that allows mothers to hold jobs while their toddlers and young children have a place to go. According to Maggie, the big hit was the 24 bags we sent. These were made by Marian Graney, in the same style as the diaper bags but in prints we cannot use for the babies. The teachers at the center were thrilled to have work bags to carry their supplies in! Thanks, Marian! We also sent along taggies, some afghans, stuffed toys, and misc. lightly used clothing. Later this month, Caroline will return to her job in Ethiopia, taking with her some additional lightly used clothing that had been donated to CCH. We thank the Edlebeck youth for their mission-hearts and for allowing us to share, too!

