



# Creative Caring Hearts

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**OUR NEXT MEETING IS:**

*Saturday, January 12, 2013, 9:30 a.m.  
Park Vista Retirement Community  
950 County Road QQ, Waupaca  
For directions, call 715-258-2524  
Next meetings: Saturday, February 9  
Saturday, March 9*

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**Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday! Here we go with a new year!**

**MIRACLE TREE DONATIONS**

On Saturday, December 15, Bob and I delivered quite a few bags of goodies to the Miracle Tree. The scene was a very busy one, with volunteers of all ages helping set up boxes for each family. Dawn was doing a great job making it look like everything was under control, so I'm sure it was. Thanks to all of you who donated, made items, bought items, and helped in whatever way you did!

**THANK YOU TO PATTI AND DOUG PETERSON**

Patti is my direct contact nurse at Waupaca Riverside Family Birth Center. Through her, we have established a great system of delivering layette bags and monthly items. I am so thankful for her assistance! Now, Patti and her husband have made a wonderful financial donation to Creative Caring Hearts besides! Patti, thank you so much!

**FOSTER CARE PROJECT**

**Jamie Dering**, Waupaca Department of Health and Human Services social worker, came by to pick up the totes we had made and assembled for her department. We now have a special shelf in the basement for the items, so that, when they need more, we have them ready. Jamie wrote us this note:

*"Dear Jeanne and the Creative Caring Hearts Crafters: thank you so much for your generous and adorable creations, which will go to children in Waupaca County when they are taken from their homes after abuse or neglect to them is discovered. Your gift is truly priceless. Sincerely, Jamie Dering"*

**OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE GRANNEY/SCHWALENBERG FAMILIES**

Our sympathies go to two of our very active volunteers, **Marian Graney and Ann Schwalenberg**, upon the death of Bob Graney, Marian's husband and Ann's father. Both Ann and Marian have been involved with Creative Caring Hearts from the start. Bob was always helping Marian with her sewing of bags, quilts, clothing, and toys.

**A FAMILY IN NEED**

There is no way to thank all of you who "adopted" a family member of the family we supported for Christmas. I was thrilled to see the thoughtful, quality items that were selected for the recipients! There was even a small sweater knitted to match a little outfit for the 2-year old! The parents were thrilled when I delivered the gifts, food, and paper products, and they even promised not to peek. Ha!

**OUR SNAP LADY**

Our snap lady, **Jane Lowe**, is temporarily out of commission due to having surgery right before Christmas. If anyone could have picked all the best outcomes of her surgery, they would have picked the ones that turned out to be. While Jane is out, her daughter, Connie Van Zummeran, one of our regular volunteers, is snapping for us! Thanks, Jane and Connie, for working this out!

**END OF YEAR REPORT**

I tried to put the end of year report on this one page newsletter, but there was just no way I was able to share with you all the statistics in a small space. I hope you are as amazed as I am by the amount of work we did this year and the number of people we were able to serve. I am reminded of a quote we used to have on our hand-outs:

*"I am only one; but I still I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
But still I can do something;  
I will not refuse to do the something  
I can do." Helen Keller*

**December 2012 TOTALS**

Donations given to:  
Miracle Tree.....132  
Riverside Hospital.....457  
St. Michael's Hospital.....402  
UMC Hat/Mitten Tree..... 90  
Waupaca Co. Foster Care.....40

**TOTAL 1121**

Donations In.....122  
Volunteer Hours.....390

Layette bags given out in December:  
**17 boys, 8 girls**

**Running total of layettes this year:  
113 boys + 91 girls= 204 layettes  
(This is up 25.9% from 2011 and  
26.4% from 2010!)**



**RENI'S HAT CORNER**

Reni reports that: "We have all the hats for January finished, and we have bought material for all the hats through March. We also have enough lighter weight knit material for most of the warm weather hats to last till in the fall. Once the new year starts we will be getting together again to start sewing once again, so you can see we are "well ahead of the game"! Yah for the Hat Team! We are back to supplying St. Michael's again!

**WEBSITE RENEWAL**

I'm not sure how many of you check out our website, but a wonderful volunteer, Bill Flemal, keeps us up-to-date and running each month. We have just renewed our website for another two years, so do check us out from time to time. We are at: [www.creativecaringhearts.com](http://www.creativecaringhearts.com)

**NEEDS OF THE MONTH**

- Afghans for boys and girls
- Booties for boys and girls
- All things boy related!

**If you have any boy items at home to be sewed, please get them to me ASAP!**

**2012 END-OF-YEAR TOTALS**

**Donations IN**.....6,609 (\*up 22%)

**Donations OUT**....8,535 (up 13.4%)

**Volunteer Hours**...8,366 (up 11.8%)

**We gave out:**

❖ 204 layettes (up 25.9%)

➤ 113 boy layettes (up 36.1%)

➤ 91 girl layettes (up 15.2%)

❖ 720 hat-of-the-month hats ( This is down from 960 in 2011, because we gave out no hats to St. Michaels's from September through December per their request. We will be starting again this month.)

**RECIPIENTS:**

**Our Regulars:**

- Healthy Beginnings 1060
- Private Requests 280
- Riverside (Waupaca) 3518
- St. Michaels (Stevens Point) 3095

**Missions: Africa 100**

- Bethlehem 56
- Casa de los Angeles 47
- Haiti 88

**Specials locally: Miracle Tree 147**

- Waushara Co Domestic Abuse 104
- Waupaca Co. Foster Care 40

**YOU are the reason we can help so many! Thank you so much!**

\*percentiles depict a comparison with final report a year ago on 2011 totals