



# Creative Caring Hearts

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*Saturday, May 11, 2013,  
9:30 a.m.*

**Park Vista Retirement Community  
950 County Road QQ, Waupaca  
For directions, call 715-258-2524**

**Next meetings: Saturday, June 8  
July: No meeting  
Saturday, August 10**

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### **STAYING WITH SATURDAY WORKDAYS**

We are so fortunate to be able to hold our workgroup meetings at Park Vista each month. The room is perfect for our needs—large with lots of tables to work upon, friendly faces to welcome us when we arrive, resident helpers who sometimes join us. Therefore, we are going to stay with Saturday morning meeting times rather than moving to Tuesday evenings for May, June, and August. I know this may interfere with summer activities, but come when you can. Tuesday nights have been difficult for some of our volunteers, and we displaced resident card groups once a month at Park Vista. Hope this works for you!

### **KAREN AND CAROLE HAVE BEEN AT IT AGAIN!**

Karen Miracle and Carole Hansen are two amazing shoppers for after-season sales. Karen has sisters around the US who notify her of sales they have seen, and off she goes! Thanks to these two, we are able to include a store-bought clothing item in each bag. Additionally, we are able to provide Christmas, Halloween, and Easter outfits to Healthy Beginnings for their clients, too. Carole will bring some samples to our next meeting. Cost for these items comes from a volunteer's personal foundation.



### **WHAT A GREAT NOTE FROM KASEY KAEPERNICK, HEALTHY BEGINNINGS CASE MANAGER**

*"I have to tell you that Corey Anderson and I took your 'Welcome Bags' to a state conference that we present at recently. We were talking about working with community partners and what they could do for a Home Visitation program. We passed your bags around and people were shocked at what a wonderful job all of you do. The people that were looking at the bags range from Door County to the inner streets of Milwaukee. I don't say it enough, but thank you. Your bags are now famous :)*

*Thank you from the Healthy Beginnings Staff and families."*

### **POSTCARDS GOING IN LAYETTES IN MAY AND JUNE**

In the months of May and June, we are including self-addressed postcards in each layette. These post cards will ask layette recipients to complete a very simple form to help us better serve the babies. Questions on the form concerned clothing sizes and asked for their baby's birth weight, ease of putting outfits on the baby, which items were most useful and least useful to their baby's needs, and added a comment section for them to let us their thoughts. It will be interesting to hear what our recipients have to say!

### **FUN COMMENTS I HEARD ABOUT USES FOR OUR BAGS!**

Over the years I've had parents and grandparents mention how often they used the diaper bags. A couple told me that they attached to their changing table to hold diapers. Recently, I was told that one of our bags was spotted being used by a little kid as a Halloween treat bag! What fun!

### **NEEDS OF THE MONTH**

There is no specific need of the month for May. Whatever you make is always appreciated!

### **April 2013 TOTALS**

Donations given to:	
Private Request.....	28
Riverside Hospital.....	194
St. Michael's Hospital.....	358
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>580</b>

Donations In.....597  
Volunteer Hours.....999

Layette bags given out in April  
**11 boys, + 11 girls**

**Running total of layettes this  
year:**

**31 boys + 30 girls= 61 layettes**

### **REN'S HAT CORNER**

The May hats were a "palette of spring colors". What fun to take them to the hospitals! The ladies have been busily making strawberry caps for June!

### **HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NEW FABRIC PATTERNS?**

Mary Jo Feldmann is on a personal pilgrimage to find new fabric patterns, because, frankly, many of us are sick of some of the ones we use over and over again. She is having pretty good luck with girl prints but, oh my, do manufacturers need to remember that some babies are boys! If there are new prints out there, Mary Jo will find them! Fun!

### **SCISSOR SHARPENING**

Remember, when you come to a meeting, feel free to bring any scissors that you use on CCH items and that need sharpening. Stanley Parent donates his sharpening services for scissors used for CCH purposes. There is the one month turn-around as I will return your scissors to you at the workgroup meeting the next month.