



# Creative Caring Hearts

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**NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday, January 11, 2014  
9:30 a.m.**

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

**Next meetings:  
Saturday, February 8  
Saturday, March 8  
April 12**

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**Happy New Year!**

Does anyone else find it amazing that we are now entering 2014, fourteen years from that “trumatic” time of 2000, when we didn’t know if all computers would fail, etc. It certainly turned out to be “much ado about nothing”, which is now easy to see fourteen years later. At CCH, we celebrate our twelfth year! Our first babies are in middle-school! Good grief! So here, we go, on to a new year! I’m glad we are all working together to help families get a good start!

**MITTENS! MITTENS! MITTENS!**

When Char H. went in to volunteer at the Miracle Tree, she talked to Dawn, the coordinator, about needs they would have for next year. Dawn said, “mittens, mittens, mittens”, so let’s keep that in mind over the next year. Dawn’s goal would be to put a pair of knit or crocheted mittens for each family member into each family’s box, so all sizes are needed. CCH has lots of worsted weight yarn available for you in a variety of colors if you need any. If you don’t have a pattern, you can go to [www.allfreenititting.com](http://www.allfreenititting.com) for a free “4 Needle Mittens” pattern. Char will bring a 2 needle pattern to our next workgroup meeting, or you can use any pattern you choose. What do you think? Do you think we can make 50 mittens by next December? I’ll start a mitten box on our supplies shelf so, if you want, I’ll do the storing and give us all a progress report over the year.

**2014 END-OF-YEAR TOTALS**

Donations IN.....6,274 (down 5%)  
Donations OUT.....7,245(down 15.1%)  
Volunteer Hours.....9,283 (up 10.9%)

We gave out 195 layettes (down 4% from 2012 but up 20% from 2011)

- 99 boy layettes
- 96 girl layettes

And

- 696 hat-of-the-month hats

**RECIPIENTS:**

Our regulars:

- Healthy Beginnings.....716
- Personal Requests.....144
- Riverside (Waupaca).....2838
- St. Michaels (Stevens Point)..3115

Missions:

- Casa de los Angeles.....104
- Haiti.....179

Locally:

- Miracle Tree.....149

When I asked, both hospital contacts reported that their births were down for the year. YOU are the reason we can help so many! Thank you so much!

**A VERY COOL CHRISTMAS PRESENT**

Dennis and Marcia Edwards of Waupaca called one day and asked if they could stop over at our house. Earlier in the year, they donated yarn that had been left upon the death of Marcia’s mom. When they arrived, Marcia handed me a gift bag. Inside was a pair of precious, handmade booties. In each bootie, was a crisp \$100 and a \$50 bill. Marcia explained that this money was also part of her mom’s estate. Thank you so much for the lovely gift—and the lovely gift idea for anyone who needs a baby gift that is sure to make any new parent happy!

***MANY BLESSINGS ON YOUR NEW YEAR!***

**December 2013 TOTALS**

Donations given to:

Miracle Tree.....149  
Riverside Hospital.....361  
St. Michael’s Hospital.....338  
**TOTAL 848**

Donations In.....198  
Volunteer Hours.....621

Layette bags given out in December:

**11 boys + 7 girls**

**Running total of layettes this year:**

**99 boys + 96 girls= 195 layettes**

**REN’S HAT CORNER**

The January baby hats are on their way and once again they are the colorful and cute ones that Sue Hackbarth and Judy Swenson have been knitting. It seems as if they never stop as we were able to use them in November and now in January with even some left over. That is some140 hats! We are very grateful for them as we were able to take a break from sewing in December. We also have enough fleece hats now to use in February so I will bring fleece to our meeting this month to cut out the March St. Pat’s hats and that will put us way ahead. Yeea!

**DO YOU NEED A TAX RECEIPT?**

Please let me know if you need an end-of-year tax receipt from Creative Caring Hearts. I can get you a hand copy or send you one via e-mail. You can use this for purchases you may have made for making CCH items, but time invested in your making things unfortunately cannot be claimed.

***PLEASE KEEP ON TURNING IN YOUR PIGGLY WIGGLY RECEIPTS!***