



# Creative Caring Hearts

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April 2014

**NEXT MEETING**

Saturday, April 12, 2014  
9:30 a.m.

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

Next meetings:  
Saturday, May 10 (check before coming)  
Saturday, June 14  
No meeting in July

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**TAGGIES! TAGGIES! TAGGIES!**

Photo Above: A sample taggie.  
We had a wonderful time making taggies on March 10 at Good Will. We had so much fun, in fact, that we are going to share it with you at our next workgroup meeting on April 12. Please bring along a scissors and a sewing machine, if you have one that transports easily. We will provide all the fabric, which has already been cut, ribbon, and crinkly lining. It really, along with needle and thread for hand work is fun to set up an assembly line and get the taggies made. Many hands will make light work, so we look forward to sharing the morning with you!

**REMINDER ABOUT PIGGLY WIGGLY RECEIPTS**

Thank you to all who consistently submit Piggly Wiggly receipts. Shari Cerne continues to take them in to Piggly Wiggly. Thanks, Shari, and all of you who keep them for us!

**THANK YOU TO ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

Thank you so very much to the Social Concerns Committee for the donation from the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Community tithing! This money is very much appreciated and will be used for yarn that helps our volunteers make sweaters, hats, booties, and afghans. Thank you so much for your continuing support of the babies and their families!

**99 BIBS**

So a bag of 99 completely finished bibs arrived at my house last week from Jane Lowe, our Snap Lady. I looked at that big bag of bibs and thought about how we never really think of the work that goes into a bib. So here goes:

***The Birth of a CCH Bib:***

*A CCH bib begins as a bolt of fabric on the wall of JoAnn Fabrics (or some variation of fabric beginning). One of our fabric buyers (usually Mary Jo) buys the fabric, which is cut by a variety of people, sometimes at our workgroup meeting. Then on the cut bibs go to our serger ladies, who turn them back in to Jane for snaps. Then the bibs travel to either the layette bags or to Riverside Hospital for their newborn gift bags. So...when a mom or dad puts that cute little bib on their precious baby, they don't really think about how much love and care has gone in to that useful little bib, but it has. I like to think each blesses that baby in some special way.*

Of course, the same story could also apply to the sleepers, gowns, and onesies. Similar stories go along with the knitting and crocheting lovingly creating afghans, quilts, etc. The point is, we know the moms and dads appreciate the layette items, but we also know these gifts are made with selfless, loving hands, which, I truly believe, blesses each baby. Thank you for being part of the blessing!

**March 2014 TOTALS**

**Donations given to:**

Riverside Hospital.....224  
St. Michael's Hospital.....176

**TOTAL**

**Donations In.....731  
Volunteer Hours.....974**

Layette bags given out in March:  
6 boys + 3 girls

Running total of layettes this year:  
18 boys + 25 girls= **43 layettes**

Running total of Miracle Tree mittens: **8 pairs**

**RENI'S HAT CORNER**

*"Even though Easter is a little later in April this year, all the cute bunny hats are "hopping" on their way for the April babies. This year we did some of them in pastel colors as well as white and they really look cute and make us all think of spring! Now we are looking forward to May and warm weather."*

Note: These have got to be the cutest hats we give out each year! Lucky April babies!

**NEEDS**

As we go into warmer months, most of us tend to slow down on indoors' activities, such as sewing, knitting, and crocheting, because, let's face it, our gardens call us, walks beckon us out the door, and living outside again sounds and feels heavenly. So, with that in mind, we have built up a pretty good supply of items such as onesies, gowns, and sleepers. What we do not have great supplies of are **quilts and sweaters**. Before the warm weather hits, please consider this need. Thanks so much for your help!