



# Creative Caring Hearts

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May 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:  
**NO MEETING IN MAY**  
Saturday, June 14  
No meeting in July

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**THANK YOU TO THE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA SIEGRIST**

A huge thank you goes to Kay Lutze, Don Siegrist, and their families for the generous donation from the memorial donations for their mother, Virginia Siegrist, a long-time member and donor for CCH! Before her death Virginia chose her memorial recipients, one of which was CCH. We are so very grateful!

**LAP-SIZED AFGHANS AND QUILTS NEEDED**

These are not baby-related items, but the new hospice agency in town could really use any lap-sized afghans or quilts that we can donate for adults. These items are being collected at the Waupaca Senior Center. An ideal size is about 45" x 45", but close to that is great, too. Assume it is for an adult in a wheel chair so it has to be big enough to tuck in well and cover the lap/knees/legs, but not so big that it gets caught in wheels or drags on the floor. Thanks in advance! (We will not be keeping track of donations as you can donate directly on your own.)

**REMEMBER THE MITTENS**

If you need a small project, how about knitting up a pair of mittens for our Miracle Tree Mitten Project? Or, if you don't feel like knitting or crocheting BUT you see mittens or gloves on a close-out sale, grab a pair or two for this Project. Miracle Tree is hoping for about 1000 pairs of mittens to give out next Christmas!

**YARN AND SOME THOUGHTS**

You do not have to provide your own fabric or yarn for the items you make. We have three of us now cutting out the outfits, so, if you want to sew, let me know, and I'll get some already-cut items to you. We also keep a good supply of worsted-weight yarn on hand at all times for our volunteers who Knit and/or crochet. Just let me know and I'll get some to you.

In searching for information about safe baby clothing guidelines, I found [www.pediatrics.about.com/od/babyproducts/a/08\\_baby\\_clothes.htm](http://www.pediatrics.about.com/od/babyproducts/a/08_baby_clothes.htm) which says:

*"Features of safe baby clothes that you should look for include:*

- *no drawstrings, which are a strangulation hazard*
- *no extra buttons, ribbons, or decorative items on clothing for infants or toddlers, since they can come off and be a choking hazard*
- *tightly knit fabrics, so a baby or infant can't get a finger or toe through a loosely knit sweater or sock.*

*Should all of the items in your layette be flame-resistant? That usually isn't possible, as according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, "the rules for flame resistance or snug fit do not apply to sleepwear for sizes nine months and under because infants that wear these sizes are insufficiently mobile to expose themselves to an open flame." So it's OK to put your newborn or younger infant to sleep in cotton clothing that isn't flame resistant."*



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO MEETING IN MAY OR JULY!**

**April 2014 TOTALS**

**Donations given to:**

Dominican Republic.....	140
Healthy Beginnings.....	11
Personal Request.....	1
Riverside Hospital.....	363
St. Michael's Hospital.....	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>815</b>

**Donations In.....425**  
**Volunteer Hours.....495**

Layette bags given out in April:  
8 boys + 6 girls

Running total of layettes this year:  
26 boys + 31 girls= **57 layettes**

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

**RENI'S HAT CORNER**

"The cute springy May hats are done and delivered (if only the spring weather would do the same!) We are now working on the always favorite strawberry hats for June, and, once again, we are ahead as I just found 60 4th of July hats that we did not use last year. This will give us a good break to do some gardening instead of sewing, and then we will be all ready to create new and fun hats for August!"

**NEEDS**

- \* Boy-themed and girl-themed quilts
- \* Girl and boy sweaters

**So, let's assume that the warm weather is just minutes away and that we will soon be outside gardening, golfing, playing, and working, whatever makes us happy in the good weather! Thanks for all you do for CCH! See you in June!**