



**Creative Caring Hearts**

December 2014

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**NEXT MEETING**

**December: No meeting**

Remember to return on Saturday,  
January 10, 2015

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

Next meetings:

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Saturday, February 13, 2015

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**GRANT FROM ANTHONY  
FAMILY FOUNDATION**

We are again blessed to receive a grant from Anthony Family Foundation to fund our baby books to put in each layette. Again, we are working with Dragonwings Book Store to order 180 top quality books. This year's books are: *Barnyard Dance*, *Indestructibles Baby Night*, and *Feels Real Friendly Pets*. In addition, we are ordering some infant tub toys for the layettes. This is such an appreciated grant!

**NOTE FROM A FAMILY**

*"Thank you so very much for all the beautiful gifts we received from you while we were at the hospital! Our baby is doing great and enjoys all of his goodies! Thank you again."  
Pete, Helen, and Clayton Ostrowski*

**SURVEY RETURNED**

It's been awhile since we included a survey in a layette, but we received one back recently. The baby was 7# and "everything fit just right". The burps and receiving blankets were "definitely used the most", but "all was very useful". "Thank you for everything. I appreciated it very much!"

**HANSEN'S TREES**

We have a really cute Hat Tree at Hansen's this year. Please stop by and "vote" by making a donation. Remember, the tree with the most monetary donations earns an extra \$100. If you happen to put in \$10 or more, please ask for a voting slip for an additional special bonus of \$100, thanks to Hansen's Pay It Forward event.

**MIRACLE TREE**

Miracle Tree collection time is here! The last day to drop things off at my house will be December 10. After that, you can take your donations directly to the old Walgreens on Fulton Street or other sites around town. Thanks for your help!

**MITTENS! MITTENS! GLOVES!**

On Tuesday, November 25, fellow Creative Caring Hearts volunteer, Rhonda Towne, and I accompanied Jane Haasch (Waupaca Art Center) to Waupaca Learning Center to give out the mittens that were collected at the Art Center. Many of our Creative Caring Hearts volunteers were included in the list of mitten knitters! Angie Landsverk from the Waupaca County Post, was there so please watch for a wonderful newspaper article about the donation of 185 pairs of mittens. That will be enough for each teacher at the Learning Center to have about 3 pairs in their classroom for emergency need. So...keep knitting! The plan is to make this donation an annual event through the Waupaca Art Center and next year will come very quickly.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EACH  
OF YOU!

**November 2014 TOTALS**

**Donations given to:**

Riverside Hospital.....258  
St. Michael's Hospital.....260  
Southern Care Hospice.....24  
School Mitten Project.....75

**TOTAL 617**

**Donations In..... 429**

**Volunteer Hours.....906**

Layette bags given out in  
November:

8 boys + 5 girls

Running total of layettes this year:

83 boys + 91 girls= **174 layettes**

Running total of Miracle Tree  
mittens: **104 pairs!!!**

**RENI'S HAT CORNER**

"The December hats are all done and delivered. They are made of red and white striped fabric with jingle bells and pom poms at the top so all the December babies will look like little Christmas elves! Very festive! Also, be sure to check out our Christmas tree at Hansen's. It's decorated with all the different hats that we have made over the years, and looks great!"

NOTE: When I delivered the hats, the nurses were thrilled. The ones at St. Michael's said that they just love the look on the moms' faces when they see the cute hats we make! Thanks, Reni, and crew!

