



Creative Caring Hearts

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March 2015

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, March 14, 2015
9:30 a.m.

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

Next meetings:
Saturday, April 11, 2015
Saturday, May 9, 2015

MEMORIAL DONATION

Thank you to the Bootz family for the memorial donation in honor of Bob! Bob enjoyed Creative Caring Hearts and would be happy that he is helping out the babies and their families.

HEAD START

When we donated rest quilts to Head Start (Waupaca), we also learned more about Head Start. It is "a federally funded preschool program, locally designed and implemented, providing quality early childhood education to children and their families. The program is comprehensive and involves the family in the total development of the child."

We will have a Head Start representative visit us at an upcoming work meeting this Spring. It's nice to be able to help out!

A FATHER STORY

I was walking in the Riverside Hospital corridors, carrying six layette bags. A grinning young man came up to me and said, "Do you make those? We just love them! We got one 2 1/2 years ago with our daughter and yesterday we got one for our son!" I explained about all of you! He was just so excited to tell me how excited they were! Made my day!

THANK YOU FROM A MOM

Thought you'd enjoy this email we received from the Miller family of Waupaca-area:

"This message is LONG overdue! I would like to thank you for the amazing gifts we received from your group when our baby was born. We have a 5 year old daughter and I saved all of her clothes and baby toys because we planned to have another baby someday. I was so excited to find out we were having another girl, who was due in early October. Our first was born more than a week late, so we were surprised when #2 decided to make a grand appearance a week early in late September!

But that wasn't the only surprise in store from our sweet little baby. It turned out the ultrasound was WRONG and we had a perfect baby BOY! I had a yellow sleeper along at the hospital, but the cute little outfit our "daughter" was to wear home wasn't going to work. And neither was the fluffy purple blanket we were going to cover "her" with! The first few days it was hard to find clothes for him as I dug out all the white and yellow sleepers among the piles of pink and purple, so we were very grateful to have the gifts of boy clothes and blankets from you for our little guy! I can't tell you how many times I said in the first month, at least, what a blessing it was to have your wonderful gifts to help us build up our boy supplies!

We still use the burp cloths, bibs and blankets daily and he wore his beautiful crocheted sweater for his baptism and we wrapped him in the perfect blue afghan, both of which I will save for his children someday. We love the fleece monkey blanket too and dad really likes the race car themed swaddle blanket and burp cloth!

Thank you so much for all that you do and for the amazing gifts you gave us at such a crazy time. It was wonderful not to have to figure out clothes and blankets while we were trying to come up with a boy's name, on top of all the other things we had to worry about with a new baby!"

GETTING READY FOR NEXT WINTER

For a change of pace, if you are tired of making baby hats, Miracle Tree has requested men's stocking hats for next year. Any pattern is fine! Thanks!

March 2015 TOTALS

Donations given to:
Healthy Beginnings.....150
Riverside Hospital.....281
St. Michael's Hospital.....294
TOTAL 725

Donations In..... 272
Volunteer Hours...462

Layette bags given out in:
7 boys + 19 girls (wow! Girls!)

Running total of layettes in 2015:
13 boys + 26 girls= **39 layettes**



REN'S HAT CORNER

"The March hats have been delivered! Also, we have finished the April hats and pretty soon the pastel Easter bunny hats will be "hopping" to Riverside and St. Michaels for all the April babies. We were lucky to see a picture of one of the April babies in one of the bunny hats last year and they do look cute! The parents seem to love them also!"

NEEDS

We are in need of the following items, especially as we head into seasons when we want to be outside instead of inside sewing, etc.

- Sweaters
- Jackets
- Afghans
- Booties
- Hygiene items (no baby powder please)
- Toys

Thank you so much in advance!

In case you are tired of knitting the same sweater pattern over and over, I have a new sweater pattern if anyone is interested in trying it out. It's called Garter Yoke Baby Cardi and uses sport weight yarn with size 4 needles. Let me know if you want a copy of the pattern.