



**Creative Caring Hearts**

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February 2017

**NEXT MEETING**

*Saturday, February 11, 2017*  
 Park Vista Retirement  
 Community  
 For directions, call 715-258-2524  
**9:30 a.m.**

Next meetings:  
 Saturday, March 11, 2017  
 Saturday, April 8, 2017

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**A FIRST FOR CCH**

One evening I answered my doorbell to find a young man on the porch. He handed me two photos of a beautiful baby girl and told me to tell all of you "thank you" from his wife and him for the bag of goodies they'd received at Theda Care-Riverside. On the back of one photo, it reads "Thank you so much for all the baby clothes! The basket was so awesome! We loved it. Your hard work does NOT go unnoticed. Thank you. Chelsey and Charlie W." I will bring the photos of baby Charlotte to our meeting. We have gotten thank-you's in the past and are always so happy to receive those, but we've never had anyone hand deliver their thanks right to the door!

**SIZABOTWANA HAT COUNT**

We are doing well in our quest to provide around 300 hats to the SizaBotswana mission by May 2017. As of today, we have:  
 Hats: 140  
 Scarves: 3  
 Mitten sets: 9

**SOME THOUGHTS**

- Thank you to John Feldmann, who collects the cans people are willing to donate and takes them to the recycler. Recently, he took in 537.8 # cans and 88.4# of other metals for \$147.63.
- We have quite a lot of girl-colored sweaters but not nearly as many boy-colored ones, so...just saying. Pretty soon, I'll probably be saying just the opposite. It's how CCH seems to work!
  - What do I consider a girl color? Pink, purple, rose.
  - What about a boy color? Blue, dark green, brown.
  - What colors do I put in either layette? Yellow, pale green, white.
- I went to a baby shower. One game included naming the baby animals. Most of them were the ones we all know (dog/puppy; frog/tadpole), but did you know that a baby porcupine is called a porcupette, a baby turtle is a hatchling, and a baby monkey is an infant? I didn't!
- If you get a chance, please check out our CCH website at [www.creativecaringhearts.com](http://www.creativecaringhearts.com) and let me know ideas on how we can update it. We have access to photos of a beautiful baby girl, but, if you have a grandchild or other baby in your life who is dressed in a CCH outfit, that would be great, too. No names are attached to the photos. Thanks!

**January 2017 TOTALS**

**Donations given to:**  
 Riverside Hospital.....270  
 St. Michael's..... 50  
**TOTAL 320**

**Donations In.....424**  
**Volunteer Hours.....1050**

Layette bags given out in January:  
 1 boys + 5 girls

Running total of layettes in 2017:  
 1 boys + 5 girls=  
**6 layettes**

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**RENI'S HAT CORNER**

The February hats have been delivered. They are made from polar fleece in an adorable heart print with a red heart on the top of each. March hats are in the works and then come the April bunny hats that everyone loves so much! We are also working on polar fleece hats for SizaBotswana, using the pattern we use for the baby hats, but increased in sizes small, medium, and large for school-aged children.

**FEBRUARY WORK GROUP MEETING**

We will cut out more SizaBotswana hats. Please bring any polar fleece you are not going to use, a scissors, and a cutting mat. If you want to bring a sewing machine, that is fine, but it is a pain to take machines out in this kind of weather, so we can sew these hats at home.

