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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Saturday, June 10, 2017</i></b>            Park Vista Retirement            Community            For directions, call 715-258-2524  <b>9:30 a.m.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next meetings:            July: No meeting            August 12, 2017            September 10, 2107</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SIZABOTWANA HATS</u></b></p> <p>We had a wonderful meeting with Jen Schrab, the teacher headed to South Africa, her mom and son. We saw slides of the area where our hats, etc., will be going and heard about the need along with the wonderful news of what Jen's elementary school in Janesville does to get the kids and community involved. Ta Dah! Drum roll! Final tally for the items we made and sent to SizaBotwana, South Africa is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hats.....388</b>  <b>Scarves.....29</b>  <b>Mittens.....67</b>  <b>Headbands....4</b>  <b>Bags.....286</b></p> <p>You are all to be congratulated and thanked for the difference you made for these children and adults. Please keep Jen, her son, mom and dad, and some fellow teachers as they travel to spend time in South Africa, starting June 11 until June 26. <b>THANK YOU!</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>JUNE WORK GROUP MEETING</u></b></p> <p>I think we will be working on cutting hats for Reni and the Hat Ladies to work on, using fabric purchased with the Thrivent grant Carole Hansen received. Please bring cutting boards, scissors, or rotary cutters. Thanks!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>GREAT NEWS IN THE T-SHIRT KNIT DEPARTMENT</u></b></p> <p>The good news is that JoAnn Fabrics again has cute prints in the t-shirt knit. It makes cutting out and sewing much more fun when the fabric is cute—and it's extra-fun to put such cute items in the layette bags for the babies. Thank you to Mary Jo Feldmann and Carole Hansen for constantly being on the look-out for this fabric!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>IT WAS FUN TO OPEN THE BOXES</u></b></p> <p>First a woman called to tell me that she had knit 50 baby sweaters over the winter in Florida and asked if I could meet her in Good Will parking lot to get them. Yes, indeed, I could and did. She handed me an Omaha Steak cooler filled to the top with beautiful sweaters with a rainbow of colors. Thank you to Marcia Helgeson for this wonder windfall of sweaters!</p> <p>A box arrived on my porch from Illinois, filled with ten baby blankets. Thank you to Kathy Schroeder for sending us these wonderful goodies!</p> <p>There haven't been more boxes, but our shelves are looking much better stocked.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>REMINDER</u></b></p> <p><b>There will be no work group meeting in July, since we always take this month off to spend with our families. We do hope to see you in June though!</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>May 2017 TOTALS</u></b></p> <p><b>Donations given to:</b>            SizaBotwana.....774            Riverside Hospital.....294            St. Michael's.....227  <b>TOTAL</b></p> <p><b>Donations In.....361</b>  <b>Volunteer Hours.....706</b></p> <p>Layette bags given out in May:  <b>9 boys + 8 girls</b></p> <p>Running total of layettes in 2017:  <b>34 boys + 32 girls=</b>  <b>66 layettes</b></p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>RENI'S HAT CORNER</u></b></p> <p>With all this rainy and cold weather we have been having it's hard to believe that June is almost here! However, the June strawberry hats are done and being delivered and we will have little June babies looking like little cute strawberries ready for summer! Now we are working on the red white and blue patriotic hats for July. It would be fun to see one on a baby at the parade this year!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEEDS, IF YOU ARE WONDERING</u></b></p> <p>I know you are tired of hearing this, but we are always in need of boy-colored items, from quilts to blankets to clothing. If you look at our totals above, it does look like we are running about the same number of boy/girl layettes, but we are never really ahead in the boy colors for some reason. Thanks!</p>