



WE GET LETTERS

Dearest Stitches

Hi! Regarding starting a tradition by teaching others to knit or crochet. I volunteered at my son's elementary school to teach 2nd grade girls, to crochet. I have a class of 7 girls. Our class meets two times a week. The girls tell me it's the best part of going to school. I had one girl, who was leaving early from school, because of snow - had her mother bring her back to school for her crochet class. Isn't that great! I guess crochet is here to stay! God Bless Mrs. Sharon Walker

"I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the beautiful hats, sweaters, blankets and booties we have received. I wish you could see our newborn babies all dressed and cuddled up along with the look of gratitude on their mother's faces. It is people like you who remind me of how good life can be."

Elizabeth Brinkley Nurse Manager – Obstetrics Windham Community Memorial Hospital Willimantic, CT

Hi Kathy, I was just watching today's episode of All My Children and noticed David Hayward's baby in the hospital wearing a baby hat with a red heart. I guess Stitches From the Heart made the big time. Cool huh? Carmen Clark Escondido, CA

Dear Friends. I am 81 years old and love to serve by knitting preemie hats – what a blessing to do a blessing. Louise DeVries

Mary Takami writes in about two completely blind students, Helen and Ruth, at

the Visually Handicapped Adults of the Valley in Van Nuys that have donated two beautiful baby quilts and fourteen darling baby hats for Stitches. This is really giving from the heart!!

"Thank you for sending such wonderful items for our babies and their families. Thank you for so generously giving yourselves to others. The nurses and I have such a good time giving your beautiful gifts to our little patients. Love and God bless you"
Ann Honderich LSW
Gravette Medical Center Hospital, AR

To me, knitting is a spiritual practice. It is my refuge when the world is overwhelming, my center in the midst of stress and chaos. It is my time for reflection when I am making something easy, and a challenge for my brain when something is complicated. It is coming together with friends, to share our lives, joys and sorrow. It's my companion when I'm sitting with a friend in the hospital after surgery, or when my dearest friend is getting chemotherapy. Above all, through Stitches From The Heart, it's my seva, mitzvah or service. When I'm making a tiny hat or sweater, I'm thinking of the precious angel who might receive it, and praying for their safe journey in this world. I'm hoping with every stitch, that a parent may find comfort, knowing there is someone in the world caring and thinking of them and their child, even if our paths never cross.

It gives meaning to my life every day, and for this I am profoundly grateful. None of this would have happened without you Kathy – you've blessed so many lives, and I just wanted to tell you thank you, from my heart. Marilyn Clement

One of our volunteers Betty Eberle tells us that she crochets darling hats for the babies and in each one encloses a pair of darling store bought socks. Thank you Betty!!

"It is with a heart full of gratitude that I offer my thanks to the volunteers who give of their time to make life a little "warmer" for the newborns in need. Your love and dedication to helping others is exemplified in each article that we receive. ...I can tell you that the babies look beautiful in your creations. The mothers are so appreciative. I know that God watches the outpouring of generous work from your organizations and says: "well done". I too say well done and bless each of you for the selfless acts of love, straight from the heart".
Marlene Gray Nurse Manager City Hospital Martinsburg, WV

