

Stitches Gazette

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

To Stitches founder, Kathy Silverton, recipient of THE HARLEQUIN MORE THAN WORDS award! Harlequin's generous philanthropic strategy aims to enhance the well being of women and support the causes that are meaningful to them. Kathy was chosen because of her compassion for improving the quality of life in her community -- not only for herself, but also for those she cares about most. A big THANK YOU to Harlequin and all the Stitches volunteers and members! So go out and buy more books, and stay tuned for information about Harlequin's fictional story of Kathy's leadership. We'll let you know when it's posted on their website.

Carolyn Broner

GREAT IDEA!!

I have a cute story for you, or maybe a hint for other people. 2 weeks ago I turned 50, although I look about 30. There is really nothing I need, so I asked everyone if they wanted to get me something, to buy me baby wool. I got the neatest colors, sizes, and shapes, colors I normally wouldn't buy. Each one means a lot when I crochet, as I remember whom it came from. Of course, I also had to explain to people what baby wool is!!! Carol

THANK YOU to NIKE

Nike has an employee matching gift program. One of our nice volunteers, Gerlinde Martenka, did 178 hours of knitting for Stitches and not only did Stitches benefit with a very very nice check from Nike but we got lots and lots

of hand made items for the needy babies. A very special thank you to Gerlinde

CONGRATULATIONS STITCHES VOLUNTEERS!!!

Stitches is proud to announce that we have, to date, sent out **A QUARTER MILLION** hats, booties, sweaters, blankets and (hand crocheted) toys to over **432** hospitals and charities. Stitches is only **7** years old and we now have over **6000** knitters, crocheters and quilters.

DID YOU KNOW???

The one item that is crucial for every preemie baby to have is a hat that fits its tiny head, to keep its body heat in. These are not always available commercially (that is how Stitches got started).

So, I did some math. There are 450,000 of them (preemies) born every year. There are now over 6000 of us. If each of us made 70 hats a year, we would meet the need. In between blankets, sweaters, and booties, if we could each do just 1-1/2 hats a week, we could actually fill the need - something charities hardly can ever do. Wouldn't that be wonderful!!! Gotta go crochet. Marilyn Clement

STITCHES ON TV ~

The KNITTY GRITTY SHOW

Stitches From the Heart was featured on the DIY (satellite TV) network. Kathy Silverton was interviewed by Vickie Howell the host of Knitty Gritty. Nervous but having fun, Kathy demonstrated how to do the eyelet hat for the babies. Look for episode 402. They also featured the Mother Bear for Knitting for Peace, and Knit for the Cure.

LOOK FOR THE PINK...

Or purple slip. If you see this slip, it's time to renew. We have tried and tried and tried to keep the cost of the newsletter down but because of rising costs of printing, paper and postage, the cost of the Gazette for 2006 will be \$15. If you donate 25 items for the needy babies per year your cost will still be \$10. Thank you all so much!

When you volunteer, you are not paid in money or recognition, you are paid in love. People may forget what you said, and people may forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel. - unknown