



WE GET LETTERS

I'm writing this letter to you about my mother -in-law, Angelina Puleo. She is one in a million; the best mother-in-law anyone could have. She knits or crochets all day long. She learned needlework at the age of nine in Sicily, Italy. I got her started on hat-making for babies because I thought this would give her something to be proud of. In the box are sixty-two hats. I can't tell you how proud my mother-in-law was of the note that you sent to her. She shows the note to everyone who comes into her house. Please keep writing to her occasionally. Sincerely, Anna Puleo Daughter-in-law



Well, I'm behind on my thank yous again. It's so easy to let time slip away. Just because I'm remiss doesn't mean we aren't just thrilled with what you sent. I'm hoping the hospital staff is more prompt with their correspondence.

The hats, sweaters, afghans, and booties are adorable and so appreciated by the parents who receive them. They are delighted to learn where such lovely gifts come from too. Thank you for your kindness. Sincerely, Pat Semon, Volunteer Coordinator, "The Baby Project"



Family Birthing Center would like to thank you so much for your donation of hand-

made baby clothing and blankets to St. Joseph Medical Center Nursery. The special care and love that went into making these gifts for the NICU babies will be remembered not only by our staff, but by the families who were able to use your beautiful baby items. It is a wonderful gift that the Lord has provided to you and that you are able to share this gift with families in need.

Your kind heart and wonderful talent is sincerely appreciated. Sincerely, Barbara Booth, Manager of NICU, St. Joseph Medical Center Nursery, Tacoma, Wa.



Dear Ms. Silverton and all of the Stitches from the Heart Volunteers,

We continue to be so grateful for the wonderful deliveries of beautiful knitted goods from SFTH!! Our NICU at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center cares for about 750 babies each year, and the ability to gift our babies (and their families) on milestone days (after 30, 60, 90 days in the hospital) or other special occasions, is very, very special. It takes quite a toll on families to not have their baby at home with them, and the smiles these gifts bring are worth every bit of effort that goes into them!

A particularly poignant time for us a few months ago came when we tried to figure out exactly how to decide which beautifully crafted item would go to which baby. There were gorgeous blankets, adorable hats, and three sweaters, all incredibly beautiful. As we parceled things out, we became aware that we

had a set of triplet girls just about to go home, and we were able to give them the three matching sweaters, each in a different color!

I think it brought as much joy to the staff and to Good Beginnings (our support group) to make this match as it did to the family- which was considerable, to say the least.

I have recently cut back my hours at the hospital and wanted to "introduce" you to the person who has taken over the bulk of my responsibilities. She also had a baby in our NICU several years ago, and has been thrilled to connect with your most recent delivery and has already begun the joyful distribution of these gifts of love and dedication.

Thank you so much for all the work, caring, and love which goes into each little "stitch from the heart". With eternal gratitude, Dorothy Williams, NICU Parent Liaison, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, Ca



Congratulations! You are certainly deserving of the honor given to you by Maria Shriver. If my memory serves me, it was your daughter who originally asked you if you could knit something for the children. She deserves to share the honor with you. Helping others is a blessing. As one of your volunteers, I too feel proud. But the truth is that being a part of Stitches from the Heart helped me during my cancer discovery, surgery, treatment and recovery. It gave me a purpose to face the next day and the day after that. So I thank you, Kathy, and I honor you too! Anonymous