

# Volunteer and Donation Opportunities 2009

Representatives from these organizations attended our October meeting and presented various needs and suggested projects:

1. Leesburg Area Women's Shelter

[laws@lesj.org](mailto:laws@lesj.org)

Contact: Sue Curtis

LAWS welcomes handmade items for clients. They also need financial donations.

2. American Cancer Society

[Brenda.Silvia@cancer.org](mailto:Brenda.Silvia@cancer.org)

Contact: Brenda Silvia

ACS welcomes handmade items for chemo patients. Volunteer time for driving and financial donations are also needed.

3. Project Linus

[Blankets4Smiles@aol.com](mailto:Blankets4Smiles@aol.com)

Contact: Bette Marchese 540 907-1772

Blankets may be donated. Cooperative sewing events are also held and sewers are needed. Additional information is included in the list below.

4. Barns of Rose Hill

[Info@barnsofrosehills.org](mailto:Info@barnsofrosehills.org)

Contact: Diana Kincannon 540 955-7903

Financial support is welcomed.

Additional charitable organizations in need of donations include:

5. Red Scarf Project

[www.orphan.org](http://www.orphan.org)

Scarves are included in care packages given to college students who are orphans on Valentine's Day. Scarves for 2010 will be accepted from Sept. 1-Dec. 15. Check the website for patterns and a mailing address.

6. Mother Bear Project

[Motherbearproject.org](http://Motherbearproject.org)

Handmade bears for HIV/AIDS children are encouraged and instructions may be found on the website.

7. Loudoun County Animal Shelter

Knit/crocheted, woven squares, approximately 12" a 12", washable, welcomed by adoptable animals.

39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA

8. Snuggles Project

[www.snugglesproject.org](http://www.snugglesproject.org)

Welcomes knit/crocheted/ woven blankets to snuggle animals. Check website for specifics.

9. Women's Weaving Project International

**The links below are also found on the Halcyon website and this list has been copied here with their permission.**

**Charitable Organization Links**

**Do you have too much yarn? Odds and Ends that you know you won't use? Do you knit, weave, crochet, or do another craft and would like to donate your finished pieces? If any of these sound like you, please consider donating supplies or finished pieces to any (or all!) of these worthy organizations.**

<b>Caps For Kids</b>	
Caps for Kids is a national organization helping to provide winter wear for children. Halcyon Yarn is proud to accept handmade caps, as well as other children's apparel. We distribute these donated crafts to local groups in Maine in December at the Holidays, but donations are taken all year long!	
Send finished caps, mittens, scarves, etc. to:	Halcyon Yarn Caps for Kids 12 School St. Bath, ME 04530
<b>Afghans for Afghans</b>	
Afghans for Afghans is a humanitarian and educational people-to-people project that sends hand-knit and crocheted blankets and sweaters, vests, hats, mittens, and socks to the beleaguered people of Afghanistan.	<a href="http://www.afghansforafghans.org/">www.afghansforafghans.org/</a>

<b>Warm Woolies</b>	
Warm Woolies is a non-profit organization whose volunteers knit warm clothing for poverty-stricken children who would otherwise suffer from cold. Their mission is to provide the very neediest children with wool vests, hats, mittens, and slippers.	
<b>Cambodian Handicraft Association</b>	
Cambodian Handicraft Association is a project to help landmine and polio disabled Cambodians. The project helps their clients to produce and market quality handicrafts. It is also the hope to re-establish and develop traditional Cambodian handicrafts.	
Send donations to:	Cambodian Handicraft Assoc House#40, Sangkat Teak Laok II Khan Tuol Kok, Phnom Penh. Cambodia
<b>Jane Anderson Sweater Ministry</b>	
Despite being seeing impaired, Jane Anderson knits sweaters for poor children worldwide. She will gladly accept yarn donations to help her knit sweaters.	
Shipping Address: Kristin Patterson Jane Anderson Sweater Ministry News & Advance 101 Wyndale Dr Lynchburg, VA 24501	U.S. Mail Address: Kristin Patterson Jane Anderson Sweater Ministry News & Advance P.O. Box 10129 Lynchburg, VA 24506
<b>Project Linus</b>	
Project Linus is a non-profit organization with over 20,000 volunteers providing security blankets to seriously ill or traumatized children. These blankets are distributed at hospitals, battered women's shelters, and hospices. They are in need of yarns and/or hand-crafted blankets of any size that are washable and in child friendly colors. Since its start at the end of 1995, Project Linus has created 250 chapters, which have provided over 75,000 blankets.	
National Headquarters Project Linus 8223 S. Quebec Unit 1 Box 121 Englewood, CO 80112 303-840-1116	North San Mateo County Chapter Project Linus North San Mateo County Chapter 23 Seville Way South San Francisco, CA 94080 650-589-6767

<b>Knit-Net - Scarves for the Homeless</b>	
Over 25 volunteers in the New York City region knit scarves, as well as mittens, hats, and blankets, for homeless people living on the streets and in shelters. They gladly accept donations of yarn to keep their needles busy.	
Knit-Net - Scarves for the Homeless P.O. Box 184 Bath Beach Station Brooklyn, NY 11214	
<b>Newborns in Need</b>	
Newborns in Need makes and donates handmade items, such as booties, hats, blankets, and gowns, to premature, sick, and needy babies, as well as to children in crisis situation. Donations of yarns or handmade items are gladly accepted.	
National Headquarters Newborns in Need 3323 Transou Road Pfafftown, NC 27040 (877) 231-5097 nationaloffice@newbornsinneed.org	Southern Central Maryland Chapter Newborns in Need Southern Central Maryland Chapter 3340 Hewitt Ave #65 Silver Springs, MD 20906
<b>Handicappers Outreach for Christ</b>	
A group of volunteers, by the name "The giving heart of Dorcas," who knit or crochet lap robes, slippers, etc for disabled indigents living in nursing homes.	
Paula Vervalen, Office Manager 4605 S. Priest Dr., #97 Tempe, AZ 85282-6520	
<b>Binky Patrol - Comforting Covers for Kids</b>	
Binky Patrol provides handmade blankets for children who are chronically or terminally ill, abused, in foster care, or experiencing trauma. They have given away over 31,000 blankets so far, but your help is deeply appreciated - check their web site.	
Michelle Davrainville Area Coordinator 206 Chestnut #226 La Grande, OR 97850 <a href="mailto:mici@oregontrail.net">mici@oregontrail.net</a>	National Headquarters Binky Patrol, Inc. PO Box 1468 Laguna Beach, CA 92652-1468

<b>Teddies for Tragedies</b>	
Doctors treating children in developing countries are asking for hand crafted teddies since children who have their own teddies to cuddle in their cots, get better quicker than those who don't have one. Each child keeps his own teddy, so doctors need a continual supply.	
Teddies For Tragedies c/o Gwen Smith 16 Farmers Avenue Ajax, Ontario Canada L1T 3S9	
<b>BRIDGING PEOPLE AND PLACES</b>	
Bridging People and Places is a non-profit organization donating over 2,000 teddy bears with hand made sweaters each year. The bears are given to abused and neglected children, children in shelters, children with life threatening illnesses, and children who have lost a loved one. They are in need of knitters for teddy bear sweaters. The sweater pattern is on their web site: <a href="http://www.bridgingpeople.org">www.bridgingpeople.org</a> Send completed teddy bear sweaters to: Hollie Vanderzee, Founder Bridging People and Places 63 Patriot Lane Acton, Maine 04001 <a href="mailto:bridgingpeople_at_aol.com">bridgingpeople *at* aol.com</a>	
<b>Cubs for Kids</b>	
Cubs for Kids donates teddy bears dressed in handknit sweaters, hats, and scarves to children in homeless shelters at the holiday time. Sponsors and knitters should send a SASE for patterns and more information.	
Cubs for Kids 1 North Lexington Ave White Plains, NY 10601	Call - Arlene Comora at (914) 421-4916
<b>Willing Hands and Germantown HELP</b>	
These groups serve a dual role - providing food relief and offering handmade blankets, gifts, and clothes. Serving the Maryland area, this group seeks donations of all sewing/knitting/crocheting supplies, such as yarn, ribbon, thread, and notions.	
Germantown HELP Debbie G. Gallo 27305 Ridge Rd Damascus, MD 20875	Call - 301-253-3506 <a href="mailto:debbiegg@prodigy.net">debbiegg@prodigy.net</a>

<b>Many Arms Reach You</b>	
<p>M.A.R.Y. is a charitable organization whose goal is to providing homemade knitted or crocheted blankets for babies. Staffed solely by volunteers, there are over 90 people knitting and crocheting throughout the country. They have many volunteers and very little yarn.</p>	
<p>M.A.R.Y. 37 Kendall Ave. Binghamton, NY 13903</p>	<p>Call (607) 724-5844 eMail manyarms@stny.rr.com</p>
<b>Warm for Winter: 1000 Hats and Scarves campaign</b>	
<p>Charitable organization collecting handmade hats and scarves for the Washington Puget Sound area homeless.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.interfaithcouncil.com/">http://www.interfaithcouncil.com/</a></p>
<b>Knit for Kids</b>	
<p>To Join Guideposts Knit for Kids --&gt; If you would like to be a part of Guideposts Knit for Kids, simply download one of their patterns and start helping! The mailing instructions are included on the pattern. If you have any questions or comments, please email them to <a href="mailto:knitforkids@guideposts.org">knitforkids@guideposts.org</a>.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.knitforkids.org/">http://www.knitforkids.org/</a></p>