



Abundance Of Love
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Our Mission

We are a volunteer organization whose members crochet, knit, loom, and sew items for those in need of comfort. These items are distributed to residents in the central Florida area.

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2026

Jen's Corner



Welcome to the month of June, supposedly the beginning of rainy season. Let's hope that proves to be true. Thanks to your efforts to collect umbrellas, I now have 34 to be distributed to the homeless population in and around Leesburg and Belleview. I will continue the collection through June.

Another project also through June is the red, white, and blue small crocheted hearts. Each heart will have a tag attached that reads "Happy 250th Birthday America. Compliments of Abundance Of Love." Visit our site tvabundanceoflove.com "Our Needs" page for info on this project. We expect to collect several hundred hearts and will deliver them to assisted living facilities, hospital patients, and veterans.

Our website has been updated to provide a better understanding of what patterns work best for some of our most requested items. Thank you for visiting tvabundanceoflove.com. Until next time....

Warm Regards,
Jen Smith
Founder and Outreach Coordinator

AOL Calendar June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Everglades Mtg 10:00am	2	3	4	5 La Hacienda Mtg 8:30am
7	8 Intl Knit In Public Day, 9-noon EV outdoor pavilion	9	10 Fruitland Park 2:00pm	11	12 Big Cypress Mtg 9:00am
14	15 Everglades Mtg 10:00am	16	17	18	19 La Hacienda Mtg 8:30am
21	22	23	24 Fruitland Park 2:00pm	25	26 Big Cypress Mtg 9:00am
28	29 Everglades Mtg 10:00am	30			

OUR PROJECTS



[Charities List](#) link

[Patterns](#) - See "More" page on our site tvabundanceoflove.com

[Size Chart](#) link (best sizes for our items)

MOST NEEDED

* Umbrellas for the homeless, collecting through June. Any size or condition but workable.

For Sewers:

- * **Clothing protectors** - fabric/velcro provided
- * **Pillows/heart stress for hand w/strap**
- * **Pillows/port covers** - kits available

NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME

- * **Blankets:** Large and 14x14" preemie
 - * but packaged kits of 7x9 panels to join are available
- * **Buntings for babies**
- * **Hats** - toddler size (32-peg loom)
- * **Hearts of love**
- * **LIFE blankets & shawls**
- * **Pillowcases** for children up to 17 years old. One-yard pattern on website.
- * **Twiddle mats** *DO still need items to affix to mats--large buttons, short zippers, crochet flowers, thread spools, keys, small toys, textured items, etc.
(When mats are needed in future, can use #5 bulky yarn, placemat size, knit or crochet. Mats must be solid, not open weave, washable in hot water. Carefully attach items using strong thread, dental floss, or crochet cotton. NO glued-on items.
- * **Pillows/cardiac** are no longer needed.

ONGOING

For Knitters, Crocheters, Loomers:

- * **Baby sets** - Lightweight blankets ~24-24" to fit our packaging (NOT 14x14"). Use pastels, soft yarn. Hat/bootie sets to go with blankets always needed. These sets go to new moms as they leave the hospital.
- * **Blankets/Children** - bright colors, minimum 36x36"
- * **Blankets/Lapghans** - for men and women (see size chart on website)
- * **Critters** - any character/animal up to 6" tall, lightly stuffed so they are "squishy." We donate to memory care facilities.
To Amigurumi animal crafters: Bulky yarn available in a variety of colors; let us know what you need. Larger items sold really well at our craft sale; next sale is 10/9/26 Rohan Rec Center.
- * **Hats** - for all ages, but NO toddler size.
- * **Hats/Chemo** - Directions included in each bag with yarn we provide.
- * **Mats/bag** - from grocery bags made on wood looms
- * **Mittens** - collecting for fall
- * **Peyton Project Hearts** - No need to add tags. Find pattern on their website [HERE](#)
- * **Picc line (IV) covers** - for all ages, baby to adult, knitted preferred
- * **Panels, 7 x 9"** - No blanket yarn please--too heavy when joined. Granny squares not needed.
- * **Prayer squares** - must be 4 x 5", patterns on web, templates available
- * **Scarves** - adult 5-6" wide x 45" long (do not need short ones for children)
- * **Shawls/adult** - Regular shawls. No LIFE shawls.
- * **Soap sacks** - cotton yarn ONLY, use AOL patterns, with or without soap

For Sewers:

- * **Dolls, medical** - fabric kits provided
- * **Eye shields** - for NICU babies, instructions on website
- * **Hats/surgical for youth** - fabric kits provided

- * **Pillows/small** - for children, instructions on website
- * **Pillows/mastectomy** - sew, but do not stuff
- * **Prayer pockets** - sewn, pattern on website
- * **Walker bags** - use sturdy/upholstery fabric, pattern/velcro provided

UPCOMING EVENTS



International Knit in Public Day

Join us on Monday, 6/8/26, 9am-noon, for "International Knit in Public Day." We will be in the outdoor pavilion at Everglades Rec Center. Bring any handcraft project, chair, and refreshments. [CLICK HERE](#) for 2-per-page flyer. Please share on social media!

Craft Sale - October

Our fall craft sale will be Fri. 10/9/26 at Rohan Rec Center. More info will be in future newsletters. We look forward to your fun and unique items, as always!



THIS AND THAT

Belk Charity Sale!

From June 5 thru 7, Belk is having a charity sale. Purchase a \$5 Belk coupon from your group leader. AOL keeps the \$5, and you will get \$5 off your first purchase. In addition, there will be HUGE in-store sales--almost everything will be 25% to 60% off.

AOL DONATIONS - May 2026



Items donated: **2,659**

Hats to storage: **925**

To date, we have made over **100 bag mats!**

Mat making is going strong at both Everglades and Fruitland Park meetings. Here's a few pics of our mat makers at the 5/4/26 EV meeting:



Linda Ryan and Barb Goeske (in blue top) delivered

over 1,100 items to AdventHealth Orlando on 5/11/26.



COMPLETED PROJECTS

Blanket by Louise Wilson, Everglades



Toddler quilt from scraps by Nancy Still



THANK YOU'S



Thank You

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital

"On behalf of the patients served by Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, thank you for your donation of 20 medical dolls and 20 youth surgical hats. We appreciate your support...."

Jacqueline Johnstone, Director of Annual Giving

AdventHealth, Orlando

"I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the beautiful, handcrafted items you so generously donated to our hospital. Your work through Abundance of Love is truly meaningful, and it is evident that each piece is created with care, compassion, and intention.

The handcrafted medical dolls, in particular, will have a profound impact on our pediatric patients. For children navigating medical experiences that can feel overwhelming or unfamiliar, these dolls offer comfort, understanding, and a sense of companionship. They help transform moments of fear into opportunities for reassurance and healing in a way that clinical tools alone simply cannot.

On a personal note, your generosity resonates deeply with me. I lost my uncle to

cancer in 2022 He received handcrafted items donated by the community that he used to wear during his chemotherapy treatments, and I saw firsthand how much small acts of kindness and compassion can mean during difficult times. What you are doing goes far beyond providing items; it brings dignity, warmth, and emotional support to patients and families when they need it most.

Please know how truly grateful we are for your partnership and your willingness to share your talents in such a meaningful way. Your kindness is making a real difference in the lives of those we serve, and we are honored to be recipients of your generosity."

With heartfelt thanks, Kayla Tufts, Donor Relations and Annual Giving Manager

Note from Lisa Strahs-Lorence

Lisa is a snowbird and member of AOL. She organized a group in New York called "Crafting for Good." Here's a recent note from Lisa:

"Because of AOL, I have been able to form a club that helps our local nursing homes and hospitals. I formed it in memory of my dear friend, Erma. I already have 8 women members. Your patterns have been more than helpful...."

Financials - May 2026

Beginning Balance:	\$18,310.82
Income:	109.00
Expenses:	<u>1,455.91</u>
Ending Balance:	\$16,854.91

A line-by-line detailed financial report is available from your group leader.

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Founder Jen Smith**

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