

## Abundance Of Love



### Our Mission

We are a Central Florida volunteer organization whose members knit, crochet, loom and sew.

We create items of comfort with love to distribute locally wherever there is a need.

## ***NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2024***



### **Jen's Corner**

Our Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Craft Sale was a huge success - we raised a total of **\$1,461!**

There were 12 tables of wonderful handcrafted items. Everything from Santa and Mrs. Claus, penguins and gingerbread men and ornaments galore. For the kitchen, there were bowl cozies (always a sellout), scrubbies and dishcloths, tea towels, and aprons for the cook and crafters. In our home goods section, you could find table runners, pillowcases, and blankets. This year we added a whole table of stuffed toys and they proved to be “big sellers.”

With over 14 volunteers, our set up went smoothly and the tables looked festive and inviting to those browsing.

To the volunteers who gave up their morning to help, I can't thank you enough, and it surely would not have been possible without you.

Time to go shopping for fabric and stuffing!

Many blessings,  
Jen Smith, Founder and Outreach Coordinator



**AOL Calendar  
October 2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3	4 <b>La Hacienda Mtg</b> 8:30am
6	7 <b>Everglades Mtg</b> 10:30am	8 <b>CRAFT SHOW</b> Fruitland Park Comm. Ctr, 10:00 - 1:00	9 <b>Fruitland Park</b> Comm. Ctr Mtg 2:00pm	10	11 <b>Big Cypress Mtg</b> 9:00am
13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>La Hacienda Mtg</b> at Chula Vista 8:30am
20	21 <b>Everglades Mtg</b> 10:30am	22	23 <b>Fruitland Park</b> Comm. Ctr Mtg 2:00pm	24	25 <b>Big Cypress Mtg</b> 9:00am
27	28	29	30	31	

- \* 10/18 La Hacienda meeting will be held at the Chula Vista Rec Center. \*
- \* Big Cypress meetings are back to start time of 9am. \*
- \* There will be NO meeting on Wed. 11/27 at Fruitland Park. \*

## OUR PROJECTS



For many patterns, see our website [tvabundanceoflove](http://tvabundanceoflove.com) **Pattern Links**.

### MOST NEEDED

- \* **WANTED:** Paper, plastic, or cloth bags with handles for the Gateway to Hope party on 12/14; to be used for hat/scarf/mitten distribution.
- \* **7x9 panels** - blue for baby boys
- \* **Baby Sets** - blanket, hat & booties
- \* **Blankets, lap**
- \* **Blankets, lightweight to cover an adult body**
- \* **Hats for teens, boys and girls.** New goal is 7,000! before Christmas. We have 6,300 in storage already. We can do this!
- \* **Hearts of love**
- \* **Picc line (IV) covers** - For adults (knit preferred)
- \* **Pillowcases** - For children up to 17 years old. Fabric provided.
- \* **Pillows, breast cancer heart**
- \* **Pillows, small heart stress pillows for hand**
- \* **Prayer pockets, sewn**
- \* **Soap sacks** (use cardboard template for correct size)

### ON HOLD

- \* **Life blankets**
- \* **14x14" blankets**
- \* **Prayer squares** (~4 x 5", add prayer tag at meeting)
- \* **Clothing protectors**

### NEEDED AND ONGOING

- \* **Baby items** - Lightweight blankets 24 to 26" in pastels, soft yarn. Hat/bootie sets to go with blankets. If you make a blanket, save leftover yarn for someone else to make hat/booties; helpful to include yarn label with blankets.
- \* **Blankets** - ALL blanket sizes generally needed, unless "On Hold" above. Smallest is 14" square. Baby sets (that include blanket, hat, booties) are 24-26". Size ~36" can be in baby colors or bright colors for children. Teen and adult sizes also needed. Pound of Love and one pound skeins are enough for blankets.
- \* **Boxes** - Large and medium-size
- \* **Critters** - Any animal; fabric, knit, crochet, up to 6 inches tall.

- \* **Eye shields for NICU babies** - Size 2 x 9-10". Two-sided, SOFT fabrics, sewn & turned. Do not top stitch but sew opening closed. Must be dark on one side (i.e, black flannel works well), pretty fabric on other side.
- \* **Hats/chemo** - Simply Soft yarn provided.
- \* **Hats/surgical** - for youth
- \* **Hearts of love**
- \* **Medical dolls** - Materials provided.
- \* **Panels 7 x 9"**
- \* **Picc line (IV) covers** - For all ages, baby to adult.
- \* **Pillowcases** - For children up to 17 years old. Fabric provided.
- \* **Pillows, small heart stress pillows for hand**
- \* **Pillows, mastectomy hearts**
- \* **Pillows, neck**
- \* **Prayer pockets** - Pattern on web.
- \* **Scarves** - 4-5" wide, 36-50" long, fringe or no-fringe.
- \* **Shawls**
- \* **Soap sacks**

**NOT NEEDED**

- \* **Toddler hats (32-peg loom)**
- \* **Bottle caps**

Size chart is available on [tvabundanceoflove](#) **Our Needs** page.

**Our Charities List** is linked at the bottom of this email.

**EVENTS IN OCTOBER!**



**CRAFT SHOW**

Because we received so many wonderful handmade items for our craft show at Everglades, we are holding a second craft show on Tues., Oct. 8, from 10-1, at the Fruitland Park Community Center, 205 W. Berckman St. Set up will be at 9:30 and clean-up from 1-1:30. If you can assist, email Jen at [jpsmith5@comcast.net](mailto:jpsmith5@comcast.net).

Please tell your friends and family and post on social media. Thank you! [CLICK HERE FOR](#)

## [A FLYER](#)

### **ANTHONY'S BREAST CANCER AWARENESS EVENT**

We will participate in the Annual Breast Cancer Awareness event at Anthony's



Ladies Apparel on Tues. Oct. 8. The event runs from 1-3 pm. It is located in Colony Plaza at 341 Colony Blvd. There will be a survivors fashion parade, special pricing, and a quilt raffle. Volunteers are needed to set up at 12:30 and monitor the table in half hour shifts. Email Jen at [jpsmith5@comcast.net](mailto:jpsmith5@comcast.net) to sign up.

### **SOCK DRIVE**



We are sponsoring a "De-Feet The Cold Sock Drive" from Oct. 7 thru Nov. 15. The socks will be collected for the children of veterans and families who attend the Gateway to Hope Annual Christmas Party in Ocala. Bring NEW socks, for babies to adult, to any AOL meeting, unwrapped with prices removed. Thank you in advance for your generosity. [CLICK HERE FOR A FLYER](#)

### **THIS AND THAT**



#### **Project Reminders**

- \* Please add tags to life blankets and prayer squares; tags available at meetings.
- \* Please weave in ends on 7x9" panels. And use bright, cheerful child-friendly colors.
- \* Medical dolls: Be sure to catch neck edge fabric in binding. Backstitch pockets on both

sides, otherwise they pull off easily. Do not piece a doll body.

\* Cardboard templates for 4x5" prayer squares and 7x9" panels are available to help make these items in the correct size.

#### **AOL DONATIONS - SEPTEMBER 2024**



Number of items donated: **839**

To storage: **570 hats**

Kay Kennedy from Buffalo Crossings Assisted Living donated 95 hats in September. She's 94 years old and gathers with her friends to knit lots of hats for our distribution. Jen very kindly delivers yarn to them regularly.



**THANK YOU'S**



**Studer Family Children's Hospital**

"Thank you for your generous donation of medical dolls. They have been of great use for me and my patients in the emergency department. Your kindness continues to impact their hospital experience."

Ashley Tyson, Child Life Specialist

**Vitas Healthcare**

"This is a GIGANTIC shout out to our super-crafters, designers, creators, ever-inspiring and 'I'm always in AWE' volunteers... all because our crafters spend their valuable time creating these unconditional treasures... all are equally loved by our team members who get excited to share these with their patients. They also make sure that the patient knows their gifts are designed and hand created by our VITAS volunteers. You all are so appreciated and make such a huge impact every day."

Robert Bacon, Volunteer Services Manager

Critters and Hand Stress Pillows AOL Sent to Vitas:



**Financials - September 2024**

Beginning Balance:	\$4,280.43
Income:	275.00
Expenses:	<u>207.96</u>

Ending Balance:     \$4,347.47

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

#### **Leaders and Contacts**

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**Founder Jen Smith**

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