

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 - APRIL 2025

Jen's Corner



Spring is in the air, and our AOL Spring Craft Sale went off without a hitch, thanks to the many early bird volunteers. A huge thank you to all who helped set up the tables with our special handmade items by our members. Clearly, a few ladies knew how to display each item to encourage shoppers to purchase at least one or two items.

As you can imagine, it took many behind the scenes hours to make this happen. Nancy Still proved to be our fearless leader with lists in hand to direct people to their tables and keep everything looking terrific. Thank you Nancy. While we did not have a monetary goal in mind, we were more than happy with the total funds raised - \$1,717! For those of you who could not attend, I will be bring a selection of items to our meetings in April. Please check the calendar for La Hacienda meeting location changes.

Safe travels to all who are traveling north. We will see you in the fall.

Warm regards,
Jen Smith
Founder and Outreach Coordinator

AOL Calendar
April 2025

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

* ALL La Hacienda meetings from April thru June will be at Chula Vista. *



OUR PROJECTS

Patterns - see tvabundanceoflove.com **Pattern Links**

Size chart - see tvabundanceoflove.com **Our Needs**

Charities list - see link at end of newsletter

MOST NEEDED

* **Blankets 14x14** - for preemies in pastel colors, lightweight 3-ply yarn preferred

* **Pillows/Heart Stress for Hand**

ON HOLD

* **Hats/Chemo** - Simply Soft yarn provided

- * **Soap sacks**

NEEDED AND ONGOING

- * **Baby items** - Lightweight blankets 24-26" 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 needed, including LIFE blankets. Smallest is 14" square. For baby sets, 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** - medium and large sizes, broken down
- * **Clothing protectors**
- * **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. Top stitch only end to close. Must be dark on one side (i.e, black flannel), pretty fabric on other side.
- * **Hats/scarves/mittens** - for all ages
- * **Hats/surgical** - sewn, for youth
- * **Hearts of love** - pattern on website; materials provided
- * **Mat making from grocery bags**
- * **Medical dolls** - all parts--doll bodies, gowns, hats. Materials provided.
- * **Panels 7 x 9"** - knitted/crocheted, any stitch pattern but not open/lacey
- * **Picc line (IV) covers** - for all ages, baby to adult, knitted preferred
- * **Pillowcases** - for children up to 17 years old. Cut-to-size fabric provided.
- * **Pillows, neck**
- * **Pillows, port**
- * **Pillows/mastectomy, heart-shaped**
- * **Prayer pockets** - sewn, pattern on web
- * **Prayer squares** - cardboard templates available
- * **Scarves** - 4-5" wide, 36-50" long, fringe or no-fringe
- * **Shawls** - including LIFE shawls
- * **Toiletries** - small travel size

NOT NEEDED

- * **Bottle caps**
- * **Grocery bags** - We have enough bags for now for our bag mat project. If you want to help cut bags or make plastic yarn (plarn), we will show you how.
- * **Pillows/cardiac** - large pillows used to cover chest.
- * **Prescription bottles**
- * **Toddler hats (32-peg loom)**

THIS AND THAT



- * More fabric for our sewing projects coming soon!
- * Linus Project blankets are now being collected at the Quilting Palette store, [732 US-441](http://732-US-441) in Lady Lake.
- * If you are cutting bags, please be sure you cut off the entire handle and bottom of bag; they don't work as planned if they are cut incorrectly.
- * Blanket yarn is for blankets only--much too thick and unsuitable for baby/teen hats and scarves.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



Variety Show Fundraiser 6/4

AOL will hold a fundraiser on 6/4/25 hosted by Van Bui-Thompson's entertainment group. It will be at the Colony Cottage Rec Center; doors open at 5:30, show is 6-8:30pm. All proceeds will go to AOL. We now have tickets to sell, \$20/ea.

[CLICK HERE FOR FLIER](#) Please distribute.

Knit in Public Day 6/8

AOL will host an "International Knit in Public Day" on Sun. 6/8/25 from 9am to noon at Spanish Springs Town Square. Please bring a chair, water and a project to work on.

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AOL DONATIONS - MARCH 2025



Items donated: **1,191**

Hats to storage: **535**

Bag mats completed: **27**

Some lovely projects recently made by members:



Blanket by Lisa Kruchinski,
Fruitland Park



Blanket by Doris Hoffman, w/specialty & 4-ply yarns

**Delivery of 636 items to AdventHealth Orlando 3/27/25;
accepted by Jana McGarvey and Claire Reeter, Volunteer Services**



THANK YOU'S



Wildwood Soup Kitchen

"... I want to thank you for your donation of \$250. We deeply appreciate your generous support. In 2024, our volunteers continued to provide meals 3 days a week. Our volunteer drivers deliver meals to those who are homebound, and nearly 12,000 snack packs were provided to children in nearby school systems. We served over 108,000 meals this past year."

Beth Pfeiffer

Palm Beach Children's Hospital

"We have received your donated medical play dolls and youth surgical hats. Thank you for sending these to our patients. They will be lovingly received by our youngest patients. It is obvious so much TLC was put into making each & every one. We thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness."

Danielle Williams, Child Life

Financials - March 2025

Beginning Balance:	\$5,617.46
Income:	1,139.00
Expenses:	<u>526.40</u>
Ending Balance:	\$6,230.06

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

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Founder Jen Smith

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