



Abundance Of Love

We are a volunteer organization, founded in The Villages, Florida, whose members crochet, knit, loom, and sew. We create items of comfort to distribute within our local community.

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NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2026

Jen's Corner

Dear Crafters,



October is here and we begin our busiest time of the year! As the weather cools, our community needs us more than ever. Linda and Dennis Ryan, our Outreach/Delivery Volunteers, will begin to deliver to schools warm hats for every child. For some, this is the highlight of their school year and some wear their hat year-round.

By the end of Dec/Jan, you will have made and donated over 7,000 hats; and once again, our storage unit will be empty and open to store hats for the 2027 season. Blankets will also go out to those living outside, along with the grocery bag mats made by our weavers. We are making a difference!

Thank you always for your time and talent to AOL!

Warm regards,
Jen Smith
Founder and Outreach Coordinator

AOL Calendar October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 La Hacienda Mtg 8:30am	3
4	5 Everglades Mtg 10:00am	6	7	8	9 CRAFT SALE 9-1pm, Rohan Rec (NO BC mtg)	10
11	12	13	14 Fruitland Park 2:00pm *at NEW location see below	15	16 La Hacienda Mtg 8:30am *at Mulberry Rec Ctr MUSICAL FUNDRAISER	17
18	19 Everglades Mtg 10:00am	20	21	22	23 Big Cypress Mtg 9:00am	24 GIVING CLU SHOWCASE 10-2, EV Rec
25	26	27	28 Fruitland Park 2:00pm *at NEW location see below	29	30	31 

IMPORTANT MEETING CHANGES:

- * NO meeting at Big Cypress on 10/9 - our CRAFT SALE is that day!
- * Fruitland Park mtgs begin on 10/14 at the Community United Methodist Church, 309 College Ave., Fruitland Park.
- * La Hacienda meeting on 10/16 will be at Mulberry Rec Ctr.

OUR PROJECTS

[Charities List](#) link

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



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

MOST NEEDED

For Yarn Users:

- * **Hats** - for all ages, but NO toddler size
- * **Peyton Project Hearts** - No need to add tags; find pattern on their website [HERE](#). (will collect for Bless Wildwood February 2027)
- * **Picc line (IV) covers** - for baby to adult, knitted preferred

For Sewers:

- * **Hats/surgical for youth** - fabric kits provided
- * **Prayer pockets** - sewn, pattern on website; kits will be available.

NOT NEEDED

For Yarn Users:

- * **Blankets** - 14x14" preemie (we met our goal of 300)
- * **Buntings for babies**
- * **Critters** - character/animal up to 6" tall, lightly stuffed so they are "squishy." We donate to memory care facilities.
- * **Hats** - preemie (or toddler size on 32-peg loom)
- * **Hat/scarf sets**
- * **LIFE blankets & shawls**
- * **Scarves** - Will donate our current supply to Samaritan's Purse that sends shoeboxes full of needed items to children around the world. (when needed, adult 5-6" wide x 45" long; do not need short ones for children)

For Sewers:

- * **Eye shields** - for NICU babies, instructions on website
- * **Pillowcases** - for children up to 17 years old. One-yard pattern on website.
- * **Pillows/cardiac** - no longer making.
- * **Pillows/heart stress for hand**
- * **Port cover pillows** - kits available

ONGOING

For Yarn Users:

- * **Baby sets** - Lightweight blankets ~22-24" 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.

* **Bar soap**

* **Blankets** - Large, 36x36" bright colors for children, lapghans

* **Clothing protectors** - fabric/velcro provided

* **Hats/Chemo** - Directions included in each bag with yarn we provide.

* **Mats/bag** - from grocery bags made on wood looms

* **Mittens** - collecting for fall

* **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

* **Shawls** - lightweight

* **Soap sacks and bar soap** - cotton yarn ONLY, use AOL patterns

* **Twiddle mats** -

Mats - Mats that work best are crocheted, size 11 x 16". Mats must be solid, not open weave, washable in hot water.

Items for Mats - Suggested items to donate for mats: large buttons, short 6" zippers, crochet flowers, thread spools, keys, small toys, textured items, etc.

For Sewers:

* **Dolls, medical** - fabric kits provided

* **Hearts of love**

* **Pillows/small** - for children, instructions on website

* **Walker bags** - Instructions available. Use sturdy upholstery fabric.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Craft Sale - 10/9/26

The last day to turn in items for our fall craft sale is Mon. 10/5.

Volunteers: Look for an email a few days before the sale with info on arrival time. Thanks in advance for your time. The sale will be a huge success with your help.

The craft sale is Fri. 10/9/26, 9-1, at Rohan Rec Center. Please share the flyer with friends and neighbors. [**CLICK HERE**](#) for flyer.



Musical Fundraiser - 10/16/26

Our fundraiser in October will feature a popular Villages musical group called *Forever Young*. The event will be Fri. 10/16/26 at La Hacienda Rec Center. Tickets are \$22. We are using a ticket purchase system thru an on-line

website called Zeffy. It's easy to use; see link below to purchase tickets.

[**CLICK HERE**](#) for the small 2/per page flyer.

[**CLICK HERE**](#) for the Zeffy website to purchase tickets.

***On Zeffy page**, click on "Add" button to start & select # of tickets, then "Continue" to payment.

Giving Showcase - 10/24/26

The next Giving Club Showcase will be Sat. 10/24/26, 10-2, at Everglades Rec Ctr. This is a regular event held so charity/giving clubs can host a table to tell residents about their club. If you can assist by monitoring our table for an hour, contact Jen Smith,

Dine to Donate Fundraiser, Texas Roadhouse - 11/2/26

We are having another Dine to Donate fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse on Mon. 11/2/26, from 5-8 p.m. Please mark your calendars!

[**CLICK HERE**](#) for the flyer - **you must show this to your server.** We suggest you save this document on your phone to show the server; you might forget to bring a printed version with you!

AOL DONATIONS - September 2026



* Items donated in September: 1,683

* Hats to storage in August: 625 - We reached our goal of 7,000. Let's keep the hats coming!

Inova Hospital patients & staff LOVE the child pillows we send.



NEW FRUITLAND PARK MEETING LOCATION

Beginning 10/14/26, the Fruitland Park meetings will be held at a new location -- the Community United Methodist Church, 309 College Ave., Fruitland Park. Please bring a food item for their food bank. A donation box will be at the entrance. AOL will also purchase \$100 worth of nonperishable items at the first meeting.

[CLICK HERE - LIST OF NEEDED FOOD PANTRY ITEMS](#)

There is lots of parking and an elevator -- we will meet upstairs in Rms 208 and 210. Signs will direct you.

COMPLETED PROJECTS



Tracey Mizell/Everglades with her cozy chenille blankets.



Kristie Burke/Everglades with a super cute twiddle mat (used by memory care patients).

THANK YOU'S



Thank You

AdventHealth for Children, Orlando

"Thank you so much! We received the surgical hats for our pediatric patients. The staff were so excited to see them come in. Our patients will be

thrilled. We appreciate you and your generosity!"
Jana McGarvey, Manager, Volunteer Program Management

Cincinnati Children's Hospital

"Thank you so much for the beautiful dolls. We truly appreciate all the time and effort you put into each one."
Alicia, Volunteer

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg

"The surgical hats were waiting for me today, thank you so much! We love the patterns!"
Angela Silveira, Manager, Child Life

Tampa General Hospital

"Our volunteers with Abundance Of Love are responsible for many smiles, help with communication, and much gratitude on the part of our pediatric patients and their families." Thank you very much!"
Carol Hangen, Volunteer

Financials - September 2026

Beginning Balance:	\$17,801.52
Income:	736.00
Expenses:	<u>1,427.55</u>
Ending Balance:	\$17,109.97

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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