

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 - JUNE 2024



Jen's Corner

Here we are on the last day of May -- how quickly this month flew by. As you know, the La Hacienda group meets the first, third and fifth Friday of each month. Today members gathered to complete the task of taking the ONE POUND skeins of donated yarn and rolled each into more manageable 5 oz. balls. The task was completed in less than 2 hours (see photo below). This brought back many memories. Back in 2012 we rolled yarn into balls so that it would “go farther” and give everyone a chance to take donated yarn.

Thank you so much to all who came and rolled yarn. “Many hands make light work” and you are appreciated.

Many blessings,
Jen Smith, Founder and Outreach Coordinator



AOL Calendar

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Everglades Mtg 10:30am	4	5	6	7 La Hacienda Mtg 8:30am Spruce Creek South Mtg 9:30am	8 Knit In Public Day, Big Cyp 9-12:30
9	10	11	12 Fruitland Park Comm. Ctr Mtg 2:00pm	13	14 Big Cypress Mtg 8:30am	15
16	17 Everglades Mtg 10:30am	18	19	20	21 La Hacienda Mtg 8:30am Spruce Creek South Mtg 9:30am	22
23	24	25	26 Fruitland Park Comm. Ctr Mtg 2:00pm	27	28 Big Cypress Mtg 8:30am	29
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Big Cypress meetings begin 8:30 in large room starting in June.
NO meetings at La Hacienda in July.

OUR PROJECTS

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

MOST NEEDED

- * **Large and medium-size boxes**

ON HOLD

- * **Pillows - Large heart for cardiology**

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 needed. The smallest is a 14" square. Baby sets (that include blanket, hat, booties) are 24-26" and fit into our packaging. Size ~36" can be in baby colors or bright colors for children. Teen and adult sizes also needed. We now have unlimited skeins of yarns; Pound of Love and one pound skeins are enough for blankets. Many variegated yarns are available too!
- * **Boxes** - Large and medium-size
- * **Clothing protectors** (adult bibs) - Fabric provided.
- * **Critters** - Any animal; fabric, knit, crochet, up to 6 inches tall. No tags needed.
- * **Hats, scarves, headbands, and mittens (cold weather)** - For teens/adults.
- * **Hats/surgical** - for youth
- * **Hearts of love** - Fabric provided. Turn in sets together, unpinned.
- * **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, mastectomy hearts**
- * **Pillows, small heart for hands** - New project, pattern on web.
- * **Pillows, port** - Kits provided.
- * **Prayer pockets** - New project, pattern on web.
- * **Prayer squares** - No larger than 4x5". Add tag at meeting.
- * **Scarves** - 4-5" wide, 36-50" long, fringe or no-fringe.
- * **Shawls**
- * **Soap sacks**

NOT NEEDED

- * **Toddler hats (32-peg loom)**

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

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

AOL DONATIONS - MAY 2024



Number of items donated: 828

To storage: 840 hats (now totaling 4,100), plus 80 other items



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OTHER TIDBITS

Knit In Public Day

We will celebrate "Knit In Public Day" on **Sat. June 8** at the Big Cypress Rec Center Pavilion from 9-12:30. Bring a chair and a project to work on. We will sit inside if it's raining. [CLICK HERE FOR A FLYER](#) (2 on one sheet). Please pass on to others.

Fundraiser Craft Show in September

Our AOL fundraising craft show will be **Mon. Sept. 30**, at Everglades Rec Center. Blank tags are provided at each meeting to attach to your craft sale items. Do not price them. The last day to turn in items is Friday, August 30, at the La Hacienda meeting. We look forward to your handmade crafts and small low-priced items.

Heavy Hats to Northern States

If anyone is traveling by car to northern states who may have room for a bag of heavy loomed hats and scarves, please contact Jen (352-250-3431, _____). Items can be donated to a homeless shelter, food bank, or another charity of your choice.

June Holidays

There are quite a few crazy holidays in June (well actually every month has a

myriad of them). Here's just a few:

6/8 - National Best Friends Day and International Yarnbombing Day

6/13 - National Sewing Machine Day

6/16 - Father's Day - We send best wishes to all the fathers in your family!

6/22 - National Chocolate Eclair Day

Benefits of Knitting/Crocheting

Click here to view a good article: [Benefits of knitting and crocheting](#)
Guess who's knitting here?



THANK YOU'S



AdventHealth Waterman

"On behalf of the AdventHealth Waterman Foundation, thank you and Abundance Of Love for your kind donation of dolls. They are absolutely adorable and will bring a smile to every child that receives one! Extending the healing ministry of Christ is our mission ... and these dolls will bring joy and healing to those who receive them. Blessings to you and Abundance Of Love. Thank you!"

Infant and Toddler Pantry, Summerfield

AOL recently received a request from them... "We are in dire need of children's

blankets.” We were able to fill the request the next day with 17 donated blankets. Bonnie Pierson, a pantry volunteer, said “May blessings surround you and your workers. The blankets as always are beautiful. Thank you so much. You and your team are Angels on Earth.”

Studer Family Children's Hospital, Pensacola

"On behalf of the patients, families, and staff..... I'd like to thank you for your donation of cloth dolls! They are perfect for teaching patients about the IV process and allow them to do medical play prior to getting one. We appreciate your support and how fast you got them to us! We'll take as many as you want to send!"

Laryssa (Child Life)

Also from Studer...

"On behalf of our patients ... we are so thankful for the donation of 14 pillowcases. The designs are wonderful! Thank you."

Financials - May 2024

Beginning Balance:	\$4,982.95
Income:	365.00
Expenses:	<u>143.67</u>
Ending Balance:	\$5,204.28

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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