

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 - SEPTEMBER 2023



Jen's Corner

You Did It -- 5,013 hats received and in record time!

I would like to give you a quick update on where, when, and to whom our hats are distributed.

Linda Ryan is currently making calls to arrange delivery dates over the next few months. "Tools for Teaching" in Ocala has been a recipient for 6 years; they receive 1,000 hats. Fruitland Park Elementary was added in 2022; they receive 800 hats. Wildwood Elementary will also receive 800 hats. The Villages Elementary will receive 900 hats.

Bentley Elementary in Sanford will receive, for the third year, 1,000 hats and share with two other schools. You may remember that each year just before Christmas, the whole school is decorated with the theme "Polar Express" and the children select and wear their hats.

Other donations include Beyond the Walls food bank, Wildwood Soup Kitchen, and Fruitland Park events (Senior Day, Love Week, and 5K Run). We also donate hats, blankets, scarves, and mittens to St. Theresa's homeless

population in Belleview. There will be opportunities to volunteer by handing out our items and meeting the recipients who are truly grateful for their “gift of



warmth.”²⁰²²

Last Christmas Eve at the Wildwood Soup Kitchen, it was 28 degrees at 9 a.m.; we set up our table as usual and waited for those coming to enjoy a hot meal. Millie, our new friend from a previous visit, showed up without any kind of cold weather clothes. It was such a joy for me to wrap her in a blanket, place a hat upon her head, a scarf around her neck, and give her a huge hug -- that was for me the best Christmas present ever!

Thank you all for making this possible.

Many blessings,
Jen, Founder and Outreach Coordinator

AOL Calendar - September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 * La Hacienda Mtg 8:30am * Spruce Creek South Mtg 9:30am	2
3	4 Everglades Mtg 10:30am	5	6	7	8 Big Cypress Mtg 9:00am	9
10	11	12	13 Fruitland Park Comm. Ctr Mtg 2:00pm	14	15 * La Hacienda Mtg 8:30am * Spruce Creek South Mtg 9:30am	16
17	18 Everglades Mtg 10:30am	19	20	21	22 Big Cypress Mtg 9:00am	23
24	25	26	27 Fruitland Park Comm. Ctr Mtg 2:00pm	28	29	30



OUR PROJECTS

See our website [tvabundanceoflove](http://tvabundanceoflove.com), [Pattern Links](#), for all patterns.

MOST NEEDED

- * **Baby items** - Hat/bootie sets to go with pre-made blankets; see Jen at meetings for info. If you make a blanket, save leftover yarn for another to make hat/booties; helpful to include yarn label with blankets. Lightweight blankets 24 x 24" in pastels.
- * **Pillowcases** - for children up to 17 years old
- * **Port pillows**
- * **Chemo hats for adults only** - pick up soft yarn at meetings
- * **Clothing protectors** (adult bibs)

- * **Critters crocheted** - for assisted living folks
- * **PICC line (IV) covers** - for hospitals
- * **Hearts of love** - fabric provided
- * **Medical dolls and surgical hats** - materials provided
- * **Cold weather hats, scarves, headbands, and mittens** - for teens/adults
- * **Small travel toothpaste tubes** - for the toiletry pouches (we have plenty of other items)
- * **Medium-size boxes**

ONGOING

- * **Prayer squares**
- * **Soap sacks**
- * **Shawls**
- * **Lap blankets**
- * **Panels 7 x 9"**

NOT NEEDED

- * **Toddler hats**
- * **14" baby blankets**

Size chart is available on [tvabundanceoflove, Our Needs](#), page.
Our charities list is linked at the bottom of this email.



AOL DONATIONS - AUGUST 2023

Items donated in the month of August - 1,711. This includes 51 baby sets to AdventHealth Orlando and 210 soap sacks to Lake Cares.

Another stat -- in the last 30 days we had 544 visits to our website. There are lots of pics, patterns, and info on our site, so check it out if you haven't already! tvabundanceoflove.com

RECENT AOL PICS

Doris Hoffman, Carol Douton, and Pat Worcester with a few of our baby items that we send to hospitals.



Mary Robinson's "Nightmare Before Christmas" movie crocheted set.



JUKEBOX BINGO FUNDRAISER

Tickets are GOING FAST. It's scheduled for Sat., October 21, 6-8:30 pm, at Eisenhower Rec Center. Tickets are \$10 per person, open seating. Residents and

their guests with passes are invited. For tickets, contact Nancy Still, 301-538-3103,

We need 8 volunteers to sell raffle and 50/50 tickets, take tickets at the door, and help set up; please contact Jen if you can help and arrive at 5:30pm. We will raffle a quilt made especially for Abundance Of Love at \$5 per ticket, and a "Night Before Christmas" Halloween movie basket with 11 crocheted characters at \$1 per ticket.



THANK YOU'S

AdventHealth Waterman Foundation

"Thank you and your organization for your generous donation of handmade goods. They are just beautiful and we appreciate all the love and hard work that went into making them. Our patients love receiving these! Thank you!"

Milwaukee School District

"Thank you so very much for the beautiful caps - all made with love. They will be distributed to needing children in the Milwaukee School district and South Milwaukee Human Concerns food/clothing pantry. Your labor of love is so appreciated. Extend my gratitude to all who loom, knit & make this happen...."

Studer Family Hospital

"Thank you so much for your donation of pillowcases! Your time and talents are greatly appreciated. The kids are loving being able to pick out the print they want."

Sincerely, Amanda Soldani

Thank You's From Jen

Shout out to Linda and Dennis Ryan our delivery drivers. Linda and Dennis are the liaisons to our charities and provide feedback to me on how well our items are received. Their support to me and AOL is so very much appreciated. Thank you!

"Life Yarn" blankets are a wonderful way to use up small balls of yarn. All colors are required including browns, blacks, dark greens, as well as bright happy colors. Our life yarn blankets go to the Women's Center in Leesburg for the ladies who make a 6-month commitment to return to society after life changing events. Thank you Doris Hoffman who has made this "her project" to prepare starter kits for these blankets that have a meaningful message attached.

And I thank Nancy Still, our doll lady. There is so much "behind the scenes" work to make it possible to ship medical dolls to 13 hospitals. Over 70 people are on the list to cut, sew, stuff, and finish dolls that go to hospital child life specialists, nurses, and doctors who interact with children undergoing procedures. The dolls bring comfort and are a teaching tool so the children know what to expect in their treatment. I can't thank all of you individually but know that you are appreciated for your time and talent in making a difference.

Financials - August 2023

Beginning Balance:	\$5,079.37
Income:	715.00
Expenses:	511.99
Ending Balance:	\$5,282.38

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

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Founder Jen Smith

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