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"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Sew Much Love

From the Director

To God be the glory; great things He has done!!!!!

This newsletter honors all the behind scenes people who have kept Threads of Love moving forward with the standards of no salaries, no fund raisers, and always a standard of excellence. Many people have given of their time, talent and treasure and we appreciate each one! Some you know and some you may never meet but let me introduce a few to you now.

Liz



Joe and Liz Page



Thank You Georgia!

Georgia Heisler is the longest tenured board member at TOL. She attended two Threads of Love conventions in 2005 and 2008. Georgia has been instrumental in computer work as the originator and designer of our website and newsletter for the past five years. Georgia has decided to step down from the TOL newsletter to devote more of her time to "The Christian Jew Foundation" newsletter. Thank you Georgia for your continued devotion to TOLSA and our board.

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Children's Socks = "Lovies"

Small children's socks are used to make "lovies" which are very important for bonding between the premature baby and the parents. When our local supply dried up, in answer to many prayers, Eddy Everrett of Fort Payne, Alabama, came to our aide. He manufactured the socks, sent them to be bleached and then to be dried, and then he shipped them to us. In three different shipments, Eddy has sent a total of 26,000 socks! The cost? "You are doing

Project Hope

For three years Laura Caddell from Project Hope has sponsored an event on November 11th at which one hundred ladies come and decorate one hundred Memory Boxes. These boxes are given to grieving women having suffered a baby loss who are leaving the hospital so they will not go home empty handed. Items are included to help record memories and help families move forward in their grief.

A Common Thread

Threads of Love continues to thrive without the help of fundraising. Two important organizations in San Antonio support TOL through sales at their businesses. **Bambinos** owner, Karen Saunders, generously hosts pop up sales with the proceeds benefiting TOL. Bambinos is located at 999 E. Basse, Suite 196 or online at <u>bambinosboutique.com</u>.

Stay at Home Rustics supports TOL though the sales of products bearing the "Hope" insignia. Aria, Aaron and Jennifer Kartchner know first-hand the importance of organizations like TOL. For more information about "Hope" or Stay at Home Rustics go to <u>stayathomerustics.com.</u>



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Donations mailed by Margie & Dave Mulligan

Paul Schmoker

Kathy Scholtz

Behind the Scenes at TOL

Kathy Scholtz comes early to TOL on both meeting days. She has sewn on thousands and thousands of Threads of Love labels and serves as a greeter to volunteers and people who drop by to make donations.

Donations are delivered in various ways. Margie and Dave Mulligan, formerly of Buda, used to meet Liz in San Marcos with their donations. Now they ship their flannel receiving blankets from their new home in San Diego, California.

Paul Schmoker has volunteered with Threads of Love for twelve years. A much-needed ministry item are the **300** caskets he has made and donated plus building a shelf in our office.



Joe Page

Unconditional Love and Support

Joe has been the "silent" partner at Threads of Love for the past 18 years. Joe supports all the activities and events that happen in and around the campus. He helps with general maintenance, troubleshooting, accepting deliveries and making deliveries to the hospitals. Joe also grocery shops and runs errands to free up time for Liz so that she can continue to do good work at TOL. Joe and Liz recently celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary.

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Doyle Jennings

Doyle Jennings, Plant Manager at Oak Hills Church, has a heart for TOL and is a good friend. He quickly solves any technical or mechanical problems that come up on our campus.



Pellets for Positioning Aids

Our largest expense has always been pellets for the positioning aids, our most requested item. A new member's husband contacted his former company to see if they could give us a reduced price. Many were involved but David Morgan, representing Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP, and Ryan Richert, from the M. Holland Company, arranged to have three thousand pounds of pellets, a year's supply, sent to us at no charge.

Pedernales Electric Company

For twelve years every Spring, we are invited to attend the Pedernales Electric Company Charitable Contribution Program. Employees mark their choice on a ballot and give a part of their salary monthly, which the Board matches. We always receive a big smile from Bobby Bryant as he hands us our check. He has greeted us for years.



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Fun Treats

Barnabus", a group of encouragers at Oak Hills Church, frequently send gifts to encourage women's ministry leaders. People like to know they are cared about and in this case, M&M's made a big hit!

Many members make cookies for the NICU and L&D nurses at Christmas time. They are always different just like the nurses and are always enjoyed.





From the Sunshine State

Ginny Deep, a former Sarah Chapter member, asks her ministry group in Odessa, Florida, to make Kangaroo Squares; gorgeous burial outfits; and then sends them to us. They do exquisite work!

Super Hero Reunion

When the Downtown Baptist hospital planned their annual Premature Baby Reunion, they called on TOL to help. One member purchased the Ninja colored felt; two members cut out the masks and made the masks; and then nurses modeled them for us. The color denoted the size and the Reunion was a SUCCESS!







Getting the News Out

Patti Schmidt, an Oak Hills employee, prints almost everything the ministry uses. That is A LOT and she usually prints after work. Patti also emails the newsletter to those who prefer the electronic version. She is diligent and we appreciate her.

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Valero Vanguard & Volunteers

Bryan Biediger and Debbie Chin, who co-chair a fifty-member satellite at Valero deliver their donation with a co-worker. They also help us complete the Valero's 2017 Benefit for Children application.

The Valero Vanguard, retired employees, has joyfully volunteered many hours of service to TOL. They are pictured with the many tasks they completed in just a few hours.

> Bryan Biediger and Debbie Chin

> > Valero Vanguard

Thank you to the many people praying for us!





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Making a Delivery

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