



Sew Much Love

August 2016



"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

In Memory of

Janeth Kay Mobley
January 21, 1966 - July 30, 2016



Jan served with TOL with her mother, Jan Mobley, and her grandmother, Thelma McDonald. She was always willing to serve wherever she was needed, and she will be remembered most for her smile and contagious laughter. When she went to work, she continued serving by crocheting the laundry bag ties.

She will be missed.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

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

I want to highlight four letters, rare to receive, to show all of you who participate how vital you are to the ministry, and to show you that you are making a difference.
Liz



Joe and Liz Page

AN APPRECIATIVE MOTHER THANKS OUR VOLUNTEERS

“I just wanted to reach out and say thanks for the care package that was delivered to us at North Central Baptist. Our beautiful daughter was born at 24 weeks and 6 days on June 1. She weighed 1 lb and 8 oz and was 12.5 inches long. She is now almost 6 weeks old and doing great! She is now up to 2 lbs 8 oz and 14.5 inches.

We feel so blessed to have her in our life and are thankful that so many people have reached out to help us. The care package was a nice surprise one day we came in to see her. The first few weeks of her life were very stressful and it was nice to have a small moment of joy. My husband was like a kid at Christmas when he saw it, and it helped give us a few seconds of peace without worrying about her. The clothes still are a little big but I know she will grow into them soon. Thank you again!!”

Note: Please continue to pray for this precious baby, who as of August 7, is still in the NICU.

TRIVIA QUESTION #1: What does our newest Tuesday evening member, Kim Grice, do — other than be an Associate Professor and Distinguished Teaching Professor at the UT Health Science Center, AND make quilts for TOL?

TRIVIA QUESTION 2: What do TJ Wolff and Samantha Dvorak do other than quilt and sew for TOL?

HOW CAN YOU HELP
TOL SAVE MONEY?

It's easy. Receive this
newsletter by EMAIL.

SORRY

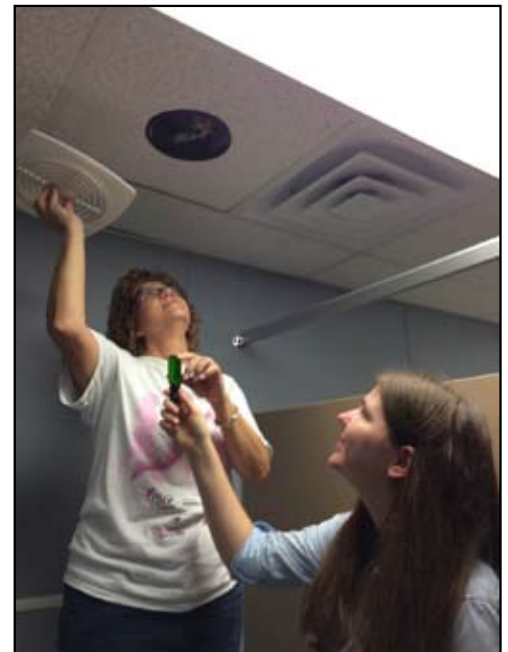
We are no longer able to accept
wedding dresses due to storage
issues. Wow! People are very
generous, but over 3,000
will supply us for a lifetime!

A MOVING MESSAGE FROM A GRANDMOTHER

Dear C,

I just received the box you sent. I must admit that I was fearful as I opened it—not sure what emotions would surface. But as I opened each box and saw each article of clothing, it was so peaceful. The care, love, attention to detail and beauty of each one is simply amazing. I'm not sure what I expected but I am just simply blown away by the love and understanding that those who crafted these pieces must know. I know it probably sounds odd, but I had not envisioned putting anything on Ava that would be worthy of one so precious—but these pieces are. They are something of such rare beauty—they were lovingly stitched with detail and care. I'm just amazed. I can't even put it into words. “Thank you” seems shallow but I do want to thank you for caring so much and for sending so much—the support pieces as well. I will get cards out next week. Blessings and love to you, my sister. K. B.

Note: TOL bereavement items were sent to this grandmother at the request of her friend. Baby Ava was born prematurely and passed into Jesus's arms the last week of July.



TRIVIA ANSWER #2: They use their construction skills and TJ's Ryobi tools (green “big girl” tools, not pretty pink ones), and repair the stained ceiling tile around a vent.

TRIVIA QUESTION #3: Dawn Davis sews for Threads of Love but what does she do at home?

A NEONATOLOGIST THANKS YOU VOLUNTEERS



Left: Alene Velez is one of our 26 TOL cuddlers at Baptist Medical Center.

Below: Norma Martinez cuddles and rocks a precious little one from the NICU.



“Threads of Love volunteers have been coming to our NICU at Baptist Medical Center since the latter half of 2015. It was a joy for us to finally meet the makers of the gorgeous quilts, isolette covers, blankets, caps, booties and more for our sick babies to use. In addition to all the goodies they tirelessly bring week after week to our NICU, their volunteering to be “Cuddlers” greatly enhanced the care given to these fragile babies. A good number of babies at the Baptist Medical Center NICU are withdrawing from drugs exposed to while in utero. Such babies especially are calmed by the loving touch and warm embrace in the arms of a patient, gentle Cuddler. The difference was evident in how quickly these babies get off the medications for withdrawal and are able to be discharged home. The Cuddlers help in holding babies is also very much appreciated by the Nursing Staff who now can attend to the needs of other critically ill babies in the NICU. Besides holding babies, TOL volunteers help in organizing our closets, arranging equipment, and even answering phones at times. The presence of the TOL volunteers in our NICU has greatly enhanced the unit morale and overall atmosphere. We see them not just as volunteers, but as integral members of our team in the healing ministry to these needy babies and their families.”

With much gratitude,
John Isaac, MD

Photo by Fox San Antonio, May 25, 2016.

<http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/babies-born-addicted-to-drugs>



TRIVIA ANSWER #1: Please meet Certified Laughter Leader, TUTTI FRUITTI!



TRIVIA ANSWER #3:
She plays with her “hot dogs: handsome brown Dachshund, Geoffrey and his “little sister,” Annie.



Hello From Germany

On behalf of the entire team here in the OB/GYN department at Landstuhl, I just wanted to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We received the box, and it is absolutely incredible. I know that it will mean so much to so many of our patients. There are no words to express how grateful we are. The different departments will share the catalog, and as soon as we have created a wish list, we will let you know.

Thank you again,

With warmest regards,
OB/GYN Clinic



Fran Dunkum (white blouse) from the Bulverde TOL visited Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii to find out what their NICU and L&D need from TOL. Thanks, Fran!



DID YOU KNOW?

We ship to the military and recently, we went INTERNATIONAL and shipped to Escuela Hospital (a teaching hospital) in Tegucigalpa, Honduras!!!

Peggy True, who sews beautifully for Threads of Love, also teaches others to quilt. At left, she presents a talk entitled, "Fascinations—A Quilter's Exploration of Designing With Radial Symmetry" to the University United Methodist Church Quilt Guild. It was very interesting and her quilts were spectacular!



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