



# Sew Much Love

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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

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

To God be the glory, great things He has done! Today I want to praise the Lord for the Threads of Love Board of Directors with which God has blessed us. We had a long meeting on Sunday afternoon with the goal of making sure every need of the ministry is being met now and for the future. At the Board meeting we had a surprise fire drill as we are improving the safety for all in the building. If you are local, do you know where the fire exit is that is shown in the picture below? The Board members are compassionate, diligent, and care about the premature babies and you, the volunteers.

This letter is dedicated to our many members who made Christmas possible for close to 300 premature babies in local hospitals and on three military bases. It takes a community. And thanks to all our volunteers, we delivered 2,839 items for Christmas, for a December total of 4,324. Our 2014 grand total was 48,530 items. To God be the glory!

We also want to make you aware of an upcoming special event—THE BIG GIVE SA. For the first time, Threads of Love San Antonio will be listed among hundreds of other non-profit organizations who take advantage of one special day to introduce themselves and their work to the community at large. On May 5 (and on that day only), those who support our work and share our vision will be able to make an online donation to TOL. We encourage you to tell your neighbors, colleagues, and friends to visit [www.TheBigGiveSA.org](http://www.TheBigGiveSA.org) website now to learn more about Threads of Love. *Liz*



Joe and Liz Page



Left: TOL Board Members Yolanda, Liz, Jan, Dee, and Bonnie practice a fire drill.

Right: Three other members of our Board worked out details to allow us to coordinate and post our newsletter on the new website. Georgia Heisler takes notes while Lara Dunks navigates the website. Joe is keeping an eye on things.



*We want to express our sympathy to:*

Margie Anderson— whose husband Allyn A. Anderson went to be with the Lord on November 14 2014,  
Noemi— whose husband Charles F, Bimler went to be with the Lord on January 2, 2015; and to  
Tom Cray— whose mother Charlie Mae Cray, a faithful member, went to be with the Lord in January.

*We are praying for you.*



## **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

Did you know that each December, Threads of Love hosts a special memorial service for parents and family grieving the loss of a baby or dealing with an abortion? The Service of Remembrance, held the first Sunday in December, helps bring closure to anyone grieving the loss of a baby, no matter how the loss occurred, or how recently.

The December 2014 service was led by Chaplain Peggy Huber (left) from The Children's Hospital of San Antonio. Thanks, Peggy.



Right: TJ, Emily, and her mother, Laura Earleywine.

Emily came home from Texas Tech and quilted for our preemies.



Left: Barbara Martin and Mimi Dunne start setting up the cookie table on Packing Day.

Right: Joanne Sanchez (#220) ready to run her half marathon.



On January 18, Joanne Sanchez participated in the Cocoa Women's Half Marathon. The proceeds went to "Ironman for Kids Foundation," and to help fund a full perinatal bereavement service for San Antonio, "Viaje de Esperanza: Journey of Hope." Good job, Joanne!

## VOLUNTEERS HELPED US PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS



Left front: Patti Schmidt (TOL liaison at Oak Hills Church), Joanne Sanchez. Back (l-r) Sandy and her sister, Yolanda Puente.

On Wednesday, December 10th, the Oak Hills Night Bible Study came to the building and decorated Christmas stockings for the babies. With Christmas carols playing, the ladies created beautiful stockings and enjoyed great fellowship.



Our Christmas crew. Photo courtesy Lee Cunningham.



At our potluck, a special TOL video was shown by BIO-Video. The video received a very positive response.

Right: Sorting and packing were a big part of getting ready for the big Christmas packing day. Christmas Packing Day arrived on December 19th. It is always a busy, fun day which used to take all day, but now has been streamlined to take just several hours, thanks to our worker bees and Joe's organization. Peggy True and Kathy Schotz get organized to pack Christmas kangaroos. We finished the packing with a potluck lunch.



### POTLUCK

On December 16th we held our Christmas Pot Luck. Everyone enjoyed it and our members filled the room with love and laughter. The door prizes were also a big success. To God be the glory!



Lee Cunningham (l) and Jim Mather start filling up two vehicles for Christmas deliveries.



Join us in dressing up our babies for the Christmas holidays with a Christmas Elf Hat. The patterns for this hat (knitted and crocheted versions) are available on our website. You can also contact Liz for copies of the patterns.



## PRESENTATIONS

In January, Jan Mobley and Bonnie Cheatham took a beautiful drive through the Hill Country to make a TOL presentation to the “winter Texans” at the Medina Lake RV Resort. Several of the ladies have already found their way to our building and join us almost every week. The rest of the ladies sew at the park in a beautiful clubhouse where they can keep their machines set up all the time. One couple from North Dakota plans to look into opening TOL Chapter where they live. Thank you ladies for your wonderful hospitality and for your interest in our ministry.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SATELLITES

Kudos to the volunteers at NuStar, one of our satellites. The group at NuStar had 2,418 volunteer hours for 2014!!! Good job, Ladies!

The satellite at the Wedgewood Apartments has had to close due to the massive fire they had. The satellite leader, Mary Ayres, said to say thank you for the many things you gave her after she lost everything. I just called Mary and she said they got to go into their apartment; it smells very moldy. They were given a small container and they were able to get their black box of papers, her small sewing machine, jewelry, and grandchildren’s pictures. They will be able to go in one more time.

On February 2, Dee Giberson and Bonnie Cheatham joined the ladies from the St. Thomas satellite for lunch at The Egg and I. While waiting for lunch to be served, Bonnie shared new crochet and knitting patterns, including patterns for our newest “Santa” hat we want to make as part of our Christmas package to the preemies. Dee and Bonnie also told them TOL would be part of *The Big Give SA 2015*, and showed them how to use *Smile.Amazon.com*. Bonnie also shared a letter Liz had recently received from a mom of preemie twins. The ladies enjoyed this connection with one of the families. Following lunch, Ann English shared her life story with the group. In June, the ladies have decided to bring a brown bag lunch and carpool to the building (Sarah’s workshop) to be with the big group. For some, it will be their first time to see everything we do. Thank you St. Thomas ladies for all you do; my trunk is full of donations.

Mark your calendars, friends, for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 and the opportunity to support the work of Threads of Love San Antonio. May God bless you!



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