



# Sew Much Love

August 2014



"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

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

To God be the glory, great things He has done! We are so thankful for the standard of excellence in our volunteers. Our volunteers are all ages from twelve to 95 and from every walk of life. People are constantly remarking on the exceptional quality of the items we produce. Each volunteer does the best she can so the families that receive our items will be encouraged and feel that someone they do not know cares about them at a very difficult time.

Many of the Threads of Love items received in the NICU are kept for years and years. Every so often an adult will say they still have everything their premature baby received from the SARAH CHAPTER and their children are now teenagers. What a blessing to hear those words! It tells each one of us how important what we do is, and that quality is important. One of our newest members is Mimi Dunne. She trained as a Fashion Designer and worked in LA in the Fashion District. She told me the first day that the reason she had come to serve in Threads of Love was because of the standard of excellence she had seen in what we make. Mimi is willing to serve wherever we need her and is a beautiful servant to all. Thanks, Mimi.

*Liz*



Joe and Liz Page



On May 28th, 2014, Bonnie and Bud Cheatham went to Blanco with Liz and Joe Page to receive the annual donation from Pedernales Electric Co-op (PEC) United Charities. The employees generously give part of one hour's salary per month and the Board of Directors matches it. Each year we are blessed with a generous donation to buy supplies for the ministry. Thanks, PEC Employees!

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TRIVIA QUESTION 1: Which TOL member has a Flower Arranging Certificate? (Liz discovered this when joking with her.)



## ANY BABY CAN LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, May 21, ten TOL members met downtown at the Menger Hotel to attend the Any Baby Can (ABC) Luncheon that is held annually to honor the contributors who support ABC. For twenty-five years they have given every supporter a doll dressed to look like their poster child. This year instead of a doll, a piece of art was created to honor "The Remarkable Story of Radiant Rosie." We received a signed, numbered print to hang in our TOL building.



When Rosie's mother spoke, she told how much TOL meant to her. Talking about it brought back a flood of memories of Rosie's first outfit, her booties, her quilt, her blankets, and on and on. Later our TOL ladies met Rosie and her mother and all enjoyed her NICU pictures of Rosie. We urged them both to visit us. Everyone had a good time and learned more about Any Baby Can.



This year, due to a lack of a skilled doll maker, ABC awarded portraits of the "Poster Child." This year it is Rosie.



TRIVIA ANSWER 1: Darlene Kurtz does, and she generously gave of her time to brighten up the flower boxes at the TOL Building. Thanks, Darlene. Great job!

Right: Liz gives a tour of the workshop to the ladies from NuStar Satellite.



TRIVIA QUESTION 2: Which Board member is flying to the Ukraine on business in September for her job with the Christian Jew Foundation?

## CALLING ALL CROCHETERS AND KNITTERS!

We need your Kangaroo designs. We have seen many beautiful Kangaroo blankets made by our volunteers over the years, but our updated standards, however, mean that there needs to be an improvement in the patterns we offer. Those patterns which have holes large enough for little Preemie fingers to get caught in, will no longer be distributed. Some of our volunteers have already compiled a small list of acceptable patterns, but we would be missing some very talented input if we did not invite other interested persons to submit patterns for consideration. If you haven't already received the new patterns by email, please contact Liz.

*To submit a pattern for consideration:*

Knit or crochet a Kangaroo Square from 18" to 20," using 3-ply acrylic or acrylic blend baby yarn. Use #8 or smaller knitting needles, or H (8) crochet hook. The pattern's design should have no holes, or only very small holes. Submit your finished Kangaroo Square along with carefully typed instructions directly to Liz. We hope to have an expanded inventory in the very near future. Thank You!

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TRIVIA ANSWER 2: Georgia Heisler is traveling to the Ukraine September 8-16. Let's pray for her travel mercies and safety.

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## THE AFGHAN STORY STILL IS BRINGING BLESSINGS!

Many of you sent afghan squares from across the country to be made into afghans for the Wounded Warriors. After we delivered 183 afghans for the Fourth of July, we had bags and bags of squares left.

The leader of the satellite, Kings Krafters, at the King of Kings Lutheran Church said their group would complete them all for us. These special ladies put together 37 afghans. Thank you, Ladies! Thanks to several of you who also completed the afghans. Job well done.

Right: Lois Claridge, Satellite leader with Liz



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## PECK FAMILY FOUNDATION GIFT

Linda Wells, who was Joe's Physical therapist when he broke his arm, became intrigued with Threads of Love.

She presented our ministry to her family's Peck Family Foundation and we were awarded a generous check. Linda is presenting the donation to Joe and Liz at the building earlier in August. Thank you, Linda, and your family's foundation for supporting us.

Linda's grandmother, 104, still presides over the meeting each year.





## WOUNDED WARRIORS GRATEFUL FOR TOL AFGHANS



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER  
3551 ROGER BROOKE DRIVE  
JBSA FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS 78234-4504

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August 6, 2014

Threads of Love (TOLSA)  
Attn: Liz Page  
5926 Valparaiso Way  
San Antonio, TX 78249

Dear Ms Page and Threads of Love Members,

Thank you for the exquisite blankets. They are truly beautiful. Your members have exhibited their great skills, talent and imagination in producing these blankets. These are exactly the kind of items our wounded Warriors need. Recovery is an important element in their life and these items materially assist us in our programs.

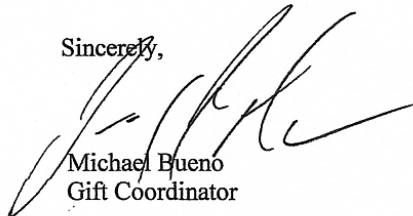
Is it not great to be a US citizen and enjoy our many benefits and freedoms? We are truly blessed and it is because of the service men and women who protect our rights. We know our country believes in the laws of the country and rejects terrorism.

Please accept my apology for this late reply. We had to use every resource to distribute these Fourth of July blankets by the deadline. We succeeded which resulted in many happy Warriors. We join with Tammy Callaway in expressing our God given appreciation for your group.

You have reminded our Soldiers and their families that their service has not gone unnoticed. It lets them know that their hard work and diligence are truly appreciated and they are in the hearts and minds of those who freedom they protect and defend.

Please extend to every participating member the gratitude of every Soldier of our Armed Forces. It individuals like your members that truly bless our country. You are the true patriots.

Sincerely,



Michael Bueno  
Gift Coordinator



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