



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! In 1999 Threads of Love, SARAH Chapter, was started with eight members producing 1,434 items the first year. In 2014 with hundreds of members 48,530 items were produced, packaged and delivered. To God be the glory!

What made the difference? SARAH's workshop opened, attracting many new members. In addition, TOL now has eighteen registered satellites, as well as several groups and individuals here and from across the country who have contributed to the production of items for premature babies locally and in five military hospitals around the world. To God be the glory!

What exactly is a "satellite"? It is an "off campus facility that . . . supports the main campus." The TOL Board designated May as "Satellite Appreciation Month" and many of the groups were visited by Board members to encourage and thank the members. These satellite groups heard about new items, asked questions, were told about emails from parents of premature babies; and were each given a Certificate of Appreciation.

All the visits blessed the Board members and some new friendships were formed. Thanks, Volunteers! We appreciate you! Comments heard were: "I have so much pep after the visit that I am ready to get to my sewing machine!" "I had no idea TOL made so many items." "I feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful group." TOL has given me back a purpose for my life." "I never knew I could use my passion for crocheting for ministry." "I sometimes have felt that what I make goes into a black hole. Now I know it is important and is being used." All in all, the visits were a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

To God be the glory, great things He has done! *Liz*



Joe and Liz Page

URGENT NEED-BURIAL GOWNS

We are out of 8-12" (small) boy burial outfits and very low on the same size outfits for little girls. Patterns for both are available online. Thank you for meeting this urgent need!

OUR VISITS TO THE SATELLITES

May 4—Knotty Knotters of Garden Ridge



TRIVIA QUESTION 1: Who is our *San Antonio* Super Shopper and Saver?

May 14—First United Methodist Church, Kerrville

Second from the right is Cynthia Arnold, the satellite leader. Mildred Landrum, second from left, white blouse, is 90 and led the Gammer Rose Satellite in Horseshoe Bay for eight years.



TRIVIA QUESTION 2: Which three ladies came an extra day after hearing our guest speakers tell of a need for positioning aides?

May 18—Calvary Baptist Church, San Marcos

Donna Dees (orange blouse) is the leader.



May 20—NuStar Energy, San Antonio

Dawn Wiley (turquoise sweater) is the leader.



May 21—Valero Energy Corp., San Antonio



Bryan Biediger is the leader—and the only male in TOL besides Joe. He can sew and crochet beautifully! It is a very large group when they meet.

May 21—King of Kings Lutheran



Group leader, Lois Claridge, holds the certificate.

May 22—Bulverde TOL



Leader Jan Mobley reads the Certificate of Appreciation

TRIVIA QUESTION 3:
Who is our best *Out of State* Super Shopper and Saver?

June 2—St. Thomas Episcopal



Louise Minor and Carol Keith lead this group—our very first satellite.

June 13—Covenant Community Church, San Antonio



The leader, Queen Ester Williams, holds the certificate.

Right: The picture of Mission Espada's bells that Joe and Dawn (NuStar Energy) are standing in front of, is not an oil painting nor a photograph; it's actually a beautiful work of art made from TINY scraps of material with different colors and textures. Absolutely amazing!



June 24—Roseheartstrings



The rest of our Roseheartstrings group is camera shy.

Although not all of our satellites are represented here with pictures, we want to acknowledge them all, and say how greatly we appreciate each and every one. You make a difference.

Air Force Village II; Creative Stars—Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union; Holy Trinity Catholic Church; Johnson City Quilt Guild; Lord of Life Lutheran Church—Kirby; Loving Hands Ministry—Fredericksburg; Marble Falls/Kingsland/Highland Lakes Clubs; and TREA (The Retired Enlisted Association). Thank you all!!

TRIVIA ANSWER 1: Jan Mobley—her best deal? She spent \$979.64 and saved \$2,174.42!!!! Thanks, Jan!

TRIVIA ANSWER 2: Margie Anderson; Ellen Slaughter, and Louise Sikes came again on Thursday to meet the need. Thanks, Ladies!

PREEMIE SANTA HATS



Thank you for helping to give every preemie a Santa hat!

1. **Please follow the approved TOL pattern!** We have been getting all different kinds of shapes. Those hats not following the pattern will have to be packed as part of an outfit, and not used as a Santa hat.
2. Use red, SOFT baby yarn only. Premies' skin is very fragile.
3. Can use size 7 needle with 48 stitches and it will be the same size.
4. White pompom will be added at the TOL building.
5. To obtain the hat pattern (either knitted or crocheted), select the "What We Make" link on www.threadsofvesa.org, and scroll down to approved patterns. The Santa hat patterns have their own special buttons.



Left: Chloe (I) and Mary Sue speak with Jan Mobley about preemie funeral outfits as Liz looks on.

VISITORS FROM THE NICU

Mary Sue King and Chloe Schilhab, both neonatal physical therapists, gave an informative talk and showed a very interesting power point on Tuesday, June 16th.

They told and showed pictures of how our TOL items are used in the NICU and how much they are needed. Everything we make and deliver to them is really needed. We will also start making snugglies again. All of us were amazed to learn that the NICU babies also need a speech therapist! We have a lot to learn about God's tiniest humans that we serve. Thank you, Mary Sue and Chloe!

REMINDER

Kangaroo squares should be 18" x 18."
We are getting a lot of 16" x 16" and they are too small.

TRIVIA ANSWER #3: Margie Mulligan and her husband David in San Diego, CA Her best deal—they spent \$469.86 and saved \$1,254.64 !!!!! People all over the store cheered and clapped!!!! They buy flannel and make blankets for TOL. In 2014, they made and shipped 2,000 blankets to TOL. Thanks, Margie and David!!!!

NEW MEMBERS

Left: Lori Miller (striped shirt) volunteers at the Haven of Hope and has encouraged several residents there to crochet for Threads of Love. They have visited two times and were very eager to learn more about TOL. They brought crocheted hats and plastic canvas crosses for the Memory Boxes. Thanks, Ladies!



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