

WRAPPED *in* LOVE PROGRAM

December 2018 Notes

As 2018 comes to a close, we are finishing our year with 195 hand crocheted and knitted items sent out since our last meeting (our November meeting was canceled due to snow). Our wonderful group of volunteers made it possible to send out 1187 items for 2018! We honored and remembered over 1,000 organ and tissue donors while comforting numerous donor families. Your continued support is invaluable and greatly appreciated!

Recently we received shawls all the way from Hawaii! One of our volunteers who was a NJ resident when her husband became a donor organized a group of knitters. She has since relocated and in his memory she and some friends created several lovely shawls and sent them our way. While these shawls were airborne for the Network, another beautiful batch was being driven up from South Carolina! It always amazes me just how far some of our shawls travel - and then travel again - in search of the perfect family to comfort.

I would like to share the following notes of appreciation from our donor families:

"Everyone, Thank you for the gift of the homemade shawl that you sent. It was very thoughtful. Every use will be a reminder of my husband who passed away two years ago. It is wonderful to know that he has not been forgotten. May you continue to keep in touch with the families of the donors."

And this one:

"I just want to thank you for the gifts I continue to receive thanking my family for the donations my mother gave at her passing. They are a wonderful and comforting reminder that she made a difference."

And one more:

"I want to thank you for the thoughtful gift of a wrap. I have found many uses and much comfort in your gift. Again, many thanks."

These notes of gratitude remind us of how appreciative our donor families are of our program.

Thanks to all of you for a very successful year as our Wrapped in Love program continues to grow! Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Wishing all of you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season - see you in 2019!

In Gratitude,

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