

WRAPPED *in* LOVE PROGRAM

June Notes

Summer and shawls! Even though the temps are up, we will continue our program through the season, ensuring that when our donor families face the cool temps of autumn, or maybe the chill of a summer night, they can warm up with the memory of a loved one. We packaged 102 shawls this month, thanks to all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers!

Our Wrapped in Love tables at both our Long Branch and New Providence 5K's were visited by many donor families who stopped by to thank us and show appreciation for the shawl they had received, some of them years ago! We are grateful that our shawls continued to be treasured and provide some comfort, even years later.

One of our volunteer knitters recently sent a touching note with a box of shawls and scarves she mailed to us. See below for her inspirational words:

"I have to share a story with you. I do most of my knitting in the car as my husband travels to and from the VA Mental Health Behavioral Clinic in Syracuse, NY. I then continue knitting while he is with his counselor. It is during this time I have met many other veterans awaiting mental health

appointments. Many have asked about my knitting projects and I have made many precious friends who wish their moms were alive to participate in the program. They approve the colors my husband picks and offer suggestions on colors for future scarves and lap blankets. I think they want me to stay focused on “men” projects.

Most of all, Lisa, these veterans of Vietnam, Desert Storm and Afghanistan want you and the volunteers to know you are doing great and wonderful work. If they could knit, they'd help too! For now they will keep you and NJ Sharing Network in their prayers.”

Our program continues to grow and touch so many lives, and in this case, bring a bit of joy to those who gave selflessly in other ways, and yet are thinking of us!

And a few words from our donor families:

“I would like to thank you and your entire staff for the lovely shawl I received. It will truly be treasured.”

And this one:

“What a nice surprise a few days ago to receive a beautiful hand crocheted wrap in the mail. It really meant a lot to me and will remind me of my amazing mom every time I wrap it around me.”

Upcoming Events at NJ Sharing Network:

Knit Night - Tuesday, July 10th - 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Shawl Packaging Meeting - Friday, July 20th - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wishing everyone a wonderful day!

In Gratitude,

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