



From your bounty, O God, you provided for the poor" (Psalm 68:10b).

January-February 2017

Dear **GC** Friend:



What would you do if you had an abundance of children's hats, scarves and mittens? I mean, abundance! Over 500 items just for children ages 3-12, beautifully handcrafted by very talented women! A wonderful problem to have!

**Problem:**

- The winter season will soon be over (that was in January!).
- My heart is concerned increasingly for poor children. (The majority of **GC** gift bags go to adults.)
- Where can we find lots of children?
- At schools, of course!

**Actions:**

- Find out if any local schools could use such items.
- Consult with a local church that works with one of poorest schools in our area.
- Ask **GC** volunteer, who is also member of that church (and, I later found out, serves on a committee at that school) to contact the school.

**Solution:**

- The school would love to have any items **GC** can send. Children keep losing hats, scarves, and mittens, and many come to school without them (so much so that recess is often held indoors). And the school's supply is depleted!
- Send boxes, bins, bags full!

**Feedback:**

- Gracious thank-you letter from the school

**2017 Goal:**

- In 2017 **Grandma's Comfort** will seek out schools, churches, hospitals, and orphanages in America, Haiti, and India to give large quantities of items that **GC** receives in abundance! Our gift bag ministry will continue at the same or slightly increased pace! But we will speed up the pace of turning over bounteous supply of children's or women's items.



**Result:** children are warmed; my heart is warmed!

Thank you so much for the abundance of your giving to those who suffer need, particularly during this winter season. May your heart also be warmed and your life blessed!

Warmly and joyfully,

Diane and Tom Zimmerman

**P.S. Check out our revised website:**

[www.grandmascomfort.org](http://www.grandmascomfort.org)

**Needs for the New Year**

- **Financial support:** Send a check or use PayPal via our website
  - When ordering online, use SmileAmazon; select GC as your charity; they donate a percentage to us!
- Washcloths
- Lotion and body wash, full or travel size
- Toiletries—deodorant, shave cream, razors, powder
- Coloring books, sketch pads—adult and children
- Colored pencils
- Notebooks, composition books
- Children's books (new), small size
- Socks, men and women, children
- **ANYTHING handcrafted!**

Words cannot express how thankful we are to receive the boxes of hats, gloves, scarves that you donated to us. This will really come in handy because so many students lose their gloves or hats on the playground or forget to wear them to school. We are constantly giving them gloves and hats and scarves until our supply has been depleted. We were in urgent need of these items. We are so thankful and appreciative to you for doing this. You are indeed a blessing and an answer to our prayers. Thank you so much.

Dr. Carolyn Stone