

Wrapped in Love January Notes - 2018



Our first shawl packaging meeting of 2018 brought in 81 lovely knitted and crocheted shawls, lap blankets and scarves. Thank you to all who shared their talents! Our packaging team worked diligently this morning to sew on labels, attach cards and carefully prepare each item for shipping. Thank you to our very dependable volunteers who assist us each month in ensuring each of our beautiful creations finds its way to a donor family! Two of our volunteers were on their way to our meeting this morning, all the way from Lacey Township when they had to turn back due to very heavy rains. Their Women's Group had crocheted and knitted 43 items for us! We look forward to this generous donation at our February packaging meeting.

Up until now, our volunteers have been using their judgement for the sizing of men's scarves. I would like to add some guidelines. Please make scarves at least 6 inches wide. Length can be more flexible, but I think at least 50 inches, I usually go to 60 inches or above. Reminder – we are only sending scarves to men. Men also receive lap blankets. Women receive shawls and lap blankets.

I would like to share some notes we have received from Donor families from our December Mailing:

“I'm writing to thank you for the beautiful shawl I received today, I am overwhelmed with emotions right now, joy, gratefulness and some sadness too. The holidays are very tough for me, as you may imagine, but this gift reminds me of the joy my brother's donation

probably brought to someone else. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, may you have a beautiful holiday.”

And this one:

“Thank you so very much for the lovely shawl sent honoring my husband, Mike. What is most touching about the shawl is that it’s green, which was his favorite color. Imagine my opening an unexpected package and finding a green shawl honoring Mike and receiving it just before Christmas. As this is the third Christmas I celebrate without my husband, I consider the shawl his gift from above. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

And one more:

“Dear Wonderful Volunteers, I just wanted to send a heartfelt thank you for your beautiful handmade gift. It was certainly made with a great deal of love and will serve as a reminder of David’s wish to make a difference in each person’s life. My very best wishes for a healthy and peaceful holiday season.”

These beautiful notes are reminders of the comfort our shawls provide and how much our gifts are appreciated. We can often bring a bit of joy in times of sorrow. So again, thank you to our generous and talented group of volunteers!

Upcoming Events at NJ Sharing Network Headquarters:

Knit Night – Tuesday, January 30th from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm.

Shawl Packaging Meeting – Tuesday, February 20th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

In Gratitude,

Lisa Colasurdo