



## *January 2019 Wrapped in Love Notes*

*Our first month of the year brought warmth and comfort to 91 donor families with our cozy assortment of shawls, lap blankets and scarves. Thank you to all our devoted volunteers - you know we couldn't do it without you, your creativity, enthusiasm, time, caring and support!*

*I would like to remind everyone of items accepted for our Wrapped in Love program:*

*Shawls for women - adult size, any shape (triangle and rectangle are the most common)*

*Lap blankets for both men and women (usually square or rectangle)*

*Scarves for **men only** in masculine colors*

*The question of size and patterns comes up from time to time - I ask our volunteers to use their judgement for an adult size. We have had a variety of shapes and sizes in the past and all adult sizes are acceptable. We have patterns we can share on request for both knitting and crocheting - they are mostly printed from the internet. Patterns are not necessary; many of our volunteers knit or crochet their favorite stitch into a long rectangle for a man's scarf or women's shawl, or a square or rectangle for a lap blanket. Patterns can be very simple or more advanced for those who prefer to get creative. All have been beautiful and made from the heart!*

*We also have yarn available - you can pick up yarn at our Packaging Meeting, Knit Night or a visit to our headquarters and receive enough yarn for a project. If you have taken yarn and are not finding the time for a project, please return it so we can put it to good use! Our yarn is generously funded by a grant from our foundation and we often receive donations of yarn as well. We can always use yarn and if you know of anyone who has a stash they would like to donate, please consider us!*

*Recently, we received the following note of thanks from a donor family:*

*“Thank you so very much for the beautiful afghan sent to me in memory of my late husband. The pain never goes away but your gift was very generous and much appreciated. God Bless.”*

*These are some of the words that express the deep felt pain of our donor families and while they suffered great loss, I am grateful we can offer them some comfort.*

*Wishing everyone a wonderful day!*

*In gratitude,*

*Lisa Colasurdo*

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