



### *February Wrapped in Love Notes*

*Our hearts were in motion in February on more than just Valentine's Day! We packaged an impressive number of shawls, lap blankets and scarves. While so many rejoiced with their loved ones in celebration of the day of love, we collectively brought some comfort to 106 families who lost those dear to their heart. Without a strong sense of commitment, team work and dedication, we could not continue to honor the memory of those who gave the gift of life with our tangible expression of thanks. Our program continues to be in a state of gratitude for all of our wonderful volunteers.*

*Each month at our meeting, I look at the numerous piles of shawls waiting to be packaged, each with its own uniqueness and yet so many times I receive notes of thanks from donor families who seem to receive just the right shawl at the just right time. Our shawls seem to take on their own magic as they are often matched to donor families on special dates, in special colors, or on some of their darkest days.*

*The following notes were recently received from our donor families:*

*"Last week I received the most beautiful wrap from "Wrapped in Love." It came at a perfect time for me because I was feeling very down and felt like people were forgetting my son. When the package came I was so happy to know my son wasn't forgotten. It made my hurt heart just a little less. Thank you to Marianne for her beautiful work. When I put the wrap on I feel like my son is with me. Thank you for giving me that feeling of love."*

*And this one:*

*"Thank you for the beautiful shawl. It means so much to know that our loved one is not forgotten! What a thoughtful gesture. One we will never forget and always appreciate!"*

*Creating a shawl, scarf or lap blanket can take several hours and yet in these busy times we have dozens of volunteers who manage to find time to stitch together some of the most amazing wraps! Not everyone gives through a crochet hook and knitting needles. Some of us package or spread the word. Whatever part you play is greatly appreciated!*

*Upcoming Events:*

*Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Knit Night*

*4:30 pm - 6:30 pm*

*Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>*

*Wrapped in Love Packaging Meeting*

*11:00 am - 1:00 pm*

*Hope to see you there!*

*In Gratitude,*

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