



Wrapped in Love Notes – July 2019

With only 4 volunteers at today's packaging meeting, we were able to sew on labels, attach cards and package 87 items! A special thank you to the ladies who worked so diligently to make it happen!

Many of us are enjoying vacations and our shawl inventory normally drops tremendously in August so we will resume again in September with our next Packaging meeting on September 6th.

We will also have some updates on requirements, sizing, etc. for our hand crochet and knitted items. After nearly two years of coordinating the program, I believe some adjustments will help us improve. More details will follow but as a heads up, we will be phasing out scarves. Scarves were intended for men only and it has been a challenge to be consistent with measurements and colors. Since we are nearly caught up with our goal of sending items two years after the passing of a loved one, I feel we can better serve donor families with a shawl or lap blanket. Please complete any scarves you may be working on and we will continue to send until all unfinished work has been completed. By October, we will be on track for lap blankets for men and/or women, and shawls for women. A separate email will be sent with more details.

I would like to share some heartfelt words of appreciation recently received from our donor families:

"Dear Lisa, although this note is late, I believe there is no time limit when expressing gratitude. April of this year marked the second anniversary of our beloved husband, father and brother. Our family continues the healing process as we navigate our grief journey. Last month, I received a package holding the beautiful orange lap quilt made and gifted to honor our loved one's legacy. The generosity of your volunteers and the New Jersey Sharing Network has been greatly appreciated. We are forever grateful."

And this one from a donor mom:

"Thank you so much for the beautiful shawl I received in the mail today. It is exactly like my son's blanket when he was a baby and until he was about 4 years old. I am wearing it right now."

Thanks to all of our volunteers – we couldn't do it without you!

Thank you,

Lisa Colasurdo
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