



September Notes

As summer bids farewell, our beautiful hand-made items will likely bring some warmth and comfort to many donor families as we head towards the autumn chill. This month, we sent out 109 shawls, scarves and lap blankets. Once again our amazing group of volunteers have made it all possible and I am deeply grateful for all of your hard work and dedication.

In August, I had the opportunity to attend the Transplant Games of America in Salt Lake City, Utah. Participants included transplant recipients of all ages as well as living donors and donor families. It was a truly humbling experience to meet people from all over the country whose lives have been touched in some way by organ donation. Sharing in the gratitude of organ and tissue recipients, as well as witnessing the strength and courage of donor families and living donors was truly inspiring.

Although there were a million touching moments, one of my favorites was a set of adorable 21 year old twin sisters from Iowa, one a heart transplant recipient competing in volleyball and basketball while the other cheered her on. In case you haven't heard, New Jersey will be hosting the Transplant Games of America in 2020! This will surely raise awareness in our great state and hopefully shorten the wait for those on the list for organ transplants - currently over 4,000.

I would like to share some notes of gratitude our Wrapped in Love program has recently received:

"This "thank you" is so long overdue. My husband passed away 4/15/15 and your organization sent a handmade lap blanket in honor of his memory. I have since sent it to our son who lives in Colorado and has had his first child, who sadly my husband never met - needless to say he

treasures this small token of gratitude as I do. Please thank the women who give their precious time to create such memorable gifts of thanks!"

And this one...

"I have been meaning to reach out to you for months but here I am now! The beautiful shoulder wrap in pink and white I received from Wrapped in Love nearly overwhelmed me. It is so lovely and does help me focus on the love and devotion I shared with my late husband. Thank you and your organization for this beautiful gift!"

Wishing each of you a wonderful day!

In Gratitude,

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