
Sew Precious in His Sight

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Season of Hope

Mission Statement

Threads of Love™ is a sewing ministry meeting the needs of tiny premature infants. The ministry is about healing and binding hearts together of parents at time of uncertainty about their baby's health or when they lose an infant. Our mission is to show parents the love of Christ at a time when their personal pain is hard to endure and let them know that God is faithful. Through acts of obedience and donation, His work can and will continue. We pray that this ministry will have an impact far beyond our expectation.

We feel that his is a ministry the Lord would have others join in to blanket the country with Threads of Love. There are three things that remain: faith, hope and love! 1 Corinthians 13: 13

God has given us all a talent that we are to use to serve Him. If He is speaking to your heart now, please write us at:

Threads of Love™

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We celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas, so it is a beautiful time to remember the birth of a special little baby. For Christians, Christmas is a time of spiritual reflection and family traditions. But for those who have suffered the loss of a child, it is a lonely and difficult time of the year. To me it is important to remember those babies, who are gifts from the Lord, especially when we live in a time when so many babies are killed through abortion. If we remember the loss of our wanted babies with a service call “Season of Hope,” maybe, it will change the hearts and minds of those that see no harm in abortion.

“A Season of Hope” is a seasonal service dedicated to the memory of those precious children lost to miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant death. The service is designed to help, friends, care givers, and the general public remember their precious little child and the dreams they had for them. It is a service where a family can gather with other family members to find healing and comfort in their loss. The service offers a special time of remembering the love still held for a beloved baby.

The “Tree of Remembrance and Light” is the centerpiece of “Season of Hope” Service. The tree is decorated with tiny white lights representing the babies’ place of honor in our hearts. Though they are gone, they will always be remembered with each passing season. White ribbons with each baby’s name written on it, it is then tied to the branches of the tree, acknowledging their presence. After the names of each special baby is read, the tree is lit and shines brightly symbolizing their life and the fact that light will always shine brightly in our hearts. After this time our pastor gives a message of hope to the broken heart parents, so that their healing will continue. The first part of the service is a time that the parents may share with others a poem, letters or any thing they wish honoring their baby. After the service we serve punch, coffee and light snacks. This gives the parents a time to visit with one another and a time to share in their loss.

One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.

Albert Schweitzer

THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWS LETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE IF YOU HAVE NOT REQUESTED TO STAY ON OUR MAILING LIST

Chapters Listed

Thanks to the ladies listed below who have register as a chapter with us. If you would like to join these ladies in their effects of ministering to mothers in your state, please contact them. The idea of registering with us so other in your area may join together and work as a group. If you are now servicing a hospital in your area will you consider registering so we may connect you with ladies willing to help?

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St Phillip Presbyterian Church-Threads of Love™
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Contact person: Edith Vaughn

Oak Island United Methodist-Threads of Love™
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Buchanan Sail & Canvas-Threads of Love™
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84104-2521
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Thank you notes

Dear Sissy,

My daughter, Kathryn, called me from New Jersey and was so excited about the gowns, bonnet and blanket. She told me that Gabrielle was so beautiful when she was “all-dressed-up” in her outfit. When I wrote to you last year, I never thought that I would have a request for these items.

My Mother who is ninety years old wants to make some gowns to send to you. When you plan a workshop, please let me know.

These hand made “treasures” are really “Threads of Love” and you and your co-workers are God’s love.

Sincerely’

Hazel

God is always meeting our needs sometimes even before we know we have a need, and the following story is just one example of His faithfulness. A few weeks ago, around noon I received a call from Hazel, a school teacher, she was in need of some gowns for her new little granddaughter. This little baby was having plastic surgery the next day, in New Jersey. At the time I had nothing on hand that would fit this baby, but hearing her plea in her voice. I agree that I would send a couple gowns to the baby in New Jersey. When I got off of the phone, I told my husband. ”I don’t know why I told her that because I really didn’t have the time to make them,

with all paper work that needs to go out. Oh well, I will just stay up late and make a couple gowns.” We left and went to lunch and then returned home, an hour or so later. Bob went out to the mail box and returned carrying a large brown envelope. Upon opening it, I found two gowns that fit the needs of this little baby. And all I could say was “thank you Lord.” Once’s again, God not only knew of the need, but he provided. Not only where these gowns made by a school teacher, but she lived in New Jersey.

This is just one example of how God meets our needs and shows us He is always faithful and there when we need Him. Together we must learn to let God be our anchor in this ministry and, He will provide. Take care of the details and He will take care of the big things.

Thanks to all of you for the great comments. I would like to share this one from a lady name Ethel. “I read about the Threads of Love™ in both Family Circle and Readers Digest. Our hospital is rather small so I can meet their needs. It makes me feel so good that my sewing skills are still useful. I am 75 and feel much younger.”

Anna and I have just returned from a visit to one of the chapters were my in-laws live and it was great. They had a work shop while we were there and we met one of their young ladies who was 87, she has crocheted 127 caps for them. This is just another way that this ministry is ministering others. Let’s not forget our senior citizens they have a lot to contribute.

Some of you have commented that you contacted a hospital and left your name and address, but never heard from them again. This happened to me also, and checking into it I found that they had lost my name and number. So make sure you follow up with a call or visit. Other times you, just was not put in contact with the right person.

“We have all been created for greater things - to love and to be loved. Love is love - to love a reason without conditions, without any expectations.” Mother Theresa

Sissy

Thank you for bringing the gowns by Woman’s Hospital today, The parents in NICU appreciate the thought and effort that go into the gowns The staffs enjoys being able to give them to the parents.

Thank you also for the burial gowns. I have given them to Lucie Agosta, Director of Labor & Delivery and to Betsy Swett, Director of NICU. You will never know how much these gowns mean to the parents. Often the nurse and the parents dress the babies in the gowns here in the hospital. It is a very special moment and a treasured memory that the parents have forever. It is a powerful moment of love.

Thank you

Susan

FINISHING BLANKETS

I have been asked how to finish the blanket edges. There are a lot pf ways to finish the edges, I say what ever works for you is the correct way. We use a rolled edge with rounded off corners on the serged. We have also found that making the blankets 22' X 26" helps to save on fabric. The burial blankets we sometimes add lace or an embroidery design to the corner.