

Sew Precious In His Sight

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Why We Hug



In the last newsletter we looked at what a hug is; now let's look at why we hug. A hug keeps us busy and helps to keep us on the right track of thinking.

A hug is a way of showing love, and love has power. It can change a heart, a circumstance, even a life. When we give hugs we are giving love. It not only makes the receiver feel better, but the hugger benefits also.

We have just finished celebrating Easter and there is not a better time to show love with hugs than now. God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to die on the cross for our sins. Have you ever asked yourself If you could give one of your children to die as Jesus did to save sinners? I couldn't and I don't think anyone else would be willing to sacrifice one of our children as God did for us. So in turn we are called on to return that love and let others see Jesus in us. As Jesus descended into heaven He gave this commission to us. And He said to them, *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he*

who has disbelieved shall be condemned."
Mark 16:15, 16.

If you are asking yourself how can I hug and love someone that I have never met or probably will never meet? Just remember each time you sit down to make a Threads of Love item to be donated to your local hospital, you are sending a hug and showing love through the love you put into each stitch. As we always say, "we are not about dressing babies, but these gifts of love are the vehicle by which we reach out and spread the love of Jesus." Our hope is that everyone is touched by the love shown and through the prayers or poems; if they if they are not believers they will be led to accept Jesus as their savior. Each time a baby is wrapped in one of our garments we are hugging that baby and at the same time it is a hug for that parent. We are all a pushover when someone does something nice for one of our children, therefore we are also hugging that family.

Thanks to all of you we have sent out lots and lots of hugs over the past years. Each packet is full of love, and hugs are also attached. From all the thank you notes that have come in over the past years, we are making a difference in the lives of those families that receive one of our packets. I am very sure each time a Threads of Love packet is opened, God looks down with a smile and says, Well Done My Child. Nothing pleases us more as parents than when one of our children does what we ask of them in a loving and kind way. After all we are the children of God and we only want to please Him in all things.



Dear Threads of Love,
I would first like to say thank you for all that your organization does for parents. Our daughter, Grace Catherine, was born in June, 2007 at Woman's Hospital. She spent two weeks in the N.I.C.U. at birth, and has had two additional stays since then. During our visits, we were incredibly touched by the beautiful bonnets, booties, hats and tops that we found upon our arrival to see our baby. I wish that I could find a way to express our appreciation for your efforts.

I noticed when I was looking at your website that you are a 501c3 organization, and my husband has a like-new printer that we would like to donate if you think that you can use it. He would need to send a receipt to his company to show that it was donated. If this is something that you would be interested in please contact me so that we can arrange to get it to you.

Again, thank you for your time, your payers and the love that goes into what you do. You are all a blessing and appreciated more than words can say.

Sincerely,
Keith and Jennifer Davis

This is just a short thank you to all of you who sew these beautiful blankets, caps and gowns for sick babies. My girlfriend delivered Shelby Lynn, who only weighed 1 lb., 6 oz. Your lovely blankets made Shelby's stay in the ICU so comfortable, and has just made her bed so beautiful. The family and I really appreciate all of your hard work and the love all of you put into each and every blanket. Thank you again.
-Brandy

Dear Sissy,
I want to share with you a quick thank you from me. My niece delivered a stillborn baby on Tuesday. I am told that she was a beautiful little red haired girl. After I got the frantic call from my sister telling me that she had been taken to a hospital and was in labor, I headed to the closest church and began to pray. While spending my time there I felt the urgency to do something. I called up the hospital and asked them if they had burial gowns for little ones, and they did. I can't tell you what that meant to me. It made me feel just a little bit like I was there.
Thanks,
Gigi

Thank you for the beautiful dress that you made for my daughter Darla. She was born February 23, 2002 at 12:34 in the afternoon and died hours later. She was born only after 5 months of my pregnancy. I'm only 17 and her daddy is 19 and we didn't know what we were going to do. The nurse at the hospital dressed her in a beautiful gown and gave us pictures of her in a little bassinet with Threads of Love over her tiny head. Once again, thank you for the gown. Her father and I thank you so very much for what you are doing for these children and their families. I never thought in my life that I would be in this situation at my age. Thanks for making this time in our lives and our families lives much easier.
-Ashlie, Robert and Baby Daria

I just wanted to send you a HUGE thank you for all the new pieces you have sent. You cannot know how much you enrich our baby's lives and are considered part of our medical team. I really mean that. You are an integral part of our team and you do more than make our babies home more comfortable and colorful, you also help them get well faster. Have you ever been somewhere and looked at a baby and just by looking at them you knew they were premature?...usually you see it in the face...Well, our babies at NAMC are very fortunate to have you. All the developmental positioning things like the froggy pillows and bendy bumper covers and little pillow cases for our gel pillows are so helpful to keep our infants in the proper position-like a little womb. Over time these infants develop beautiful little round heads that later when you see them you probably will never know they were premature. And the other positioning aids help keep the baby in the fetal position which will help later for that baby to meet milestones like sitting in a car seat, crawling and eating, and late walking...

Infants who have had good developmental care leave the hospital sooner and with fewer complications. See! You really are important and we want to let you know how much all your hard work means to us and to the babies and their families.
Nurse Heidi

P.S. Have you ever thought about this? Your little blankets and positional aids help us surround these babies literally in love. You are (with your work) closer to those babies than any human can be (many of these babies cannot be held yet and spend all day in the little isolette.) The only things touching them are your work and your efforts of love.



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A Recipe to Live By

Blend one cup of love and one half cup of kindness
add alternately in small portions:

- one cup of appreciation
- three cups of pleasant companionship into which
has been sifted three teaspoons of deserving praise

Flavor with one teaspoon carefully chosen advice.

Lightly fold in one cup of cheerfulness, to which has been
added a pinch of sorrow.

Pour the tenderness into small clean hearts and let bake until
well matured.

Pour out on the surface of society.

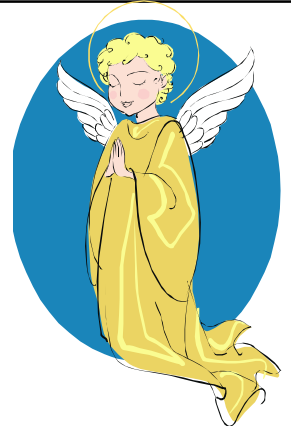
Humbly invoke Gods blessing and it will serve all mankind.

Why we hug

1. The world needs it. A hug makes you take flight.
2. You need it. Don't want any of this to come back and bite us,
3. It's healing. Hugs have medicinal benefits.
4. It's age defying. It's generally accepted that huggers look younger than non huggers.
5. It's contagious. Need a hug? Take a hug. Got a hug? Give a hug.
6. It's fun. A hug means good memories.
7. Any of us can use it. Anyone can hug.
8. God told us to. Some people make it difficult to love them.
9. It keeps us busy. Hugs keep us busy thinking the right things.
10. We only have so much time. If you're going to show someone how much you love her,
do it now.

(Taken for The official hugs book by Martha Bolton)

Angels As Explained By Children



I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold.
-Gregory, 5

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it .
-Olive, 9

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes.
-Matthew, 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else.
-Mitchell, 7

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science.
-Henry, 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!!
-Jack, 6

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead.
-Daniel, 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath, somewhere there's a tornado.
-Reagan, 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter.
-Sara, 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter.
-Jared, 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it.
-Antonio, 9

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth.
- Lynn , 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it.
-Vicki, 8

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them.
-Sarah, 7



NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN LOUISVILLE, KY

Mark Your Calendars! The upcoming NATIONAL convention is right around the corner. It will be hosted by the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapter in Louisville, KY. The dates of the convention are Thursday evening, October 2, through Sunday afternoon, October 5. In addition, a Bonus Day offering two separate tours is being offered during the day of October 2; Tour 1 is The Sights of Louisville (\$27) and Tour 2 is a fabric shopping spree ending with a free bonus class (\$12).

This year's convention will offer a variety of classes including:

Class	Project	Kit Fee
Beginning Heirloom	Heirloom Pillow (6 hour class)	\$8
Experienced Heirloom:	Boy's/Girl's Interment Gown	\$8
Beginning Serger	Quick-n-Easy Quilt	\$6
Experienced Serger	Lace-n-Ribbon Quilt (6 hour class)	\$8
Beginning Smocking	Girl's Interment Gown	\$8
Experienced Smocking	Picture Smocking-Bishop's Gown	\$6
Scrapbooking: Digital	Digital photo album	\$10
Scrapbooking: Prayers	Prayer Cards	\$10
Embroidery Techniques	Memory Envelope	\$6
Embroidery: Shadow	Memory Envelope	\$6
Embroidery: Silk Ribbon	Bonnet	\$8
Knitting	Booties & Hats	\$6
Chapter Organization	Techniques for organizing & growing	none
Nurses Clinic	The role of the nurse	none
Lovie Dolls	Construction & embellishment (required for all)	none

The convention will sponsor two contests: (1) Prettiest Interment Gown Embellishment, and (2) Quilts! Quilts! and Quilts! Prizes will be awarded to the first place winners of each contest. White Polo Shirts with an embroidered Threads of Love Logo are also available for order. The cost is \$15 (\$17.50 for XXL).

Mark Your Calendars! This year's NATIONAL convention proves to be an exciting one!



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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 - the hearts of parents at a 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. Pray that this ministry will have an impact far beyond our expectations.

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*A hug delights and warms and charms.
That must be why God gave us arms.*

Author unknown