

# Sew Precious In His Sight

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## **Warm Fuzzy Hearts**

*“But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.” Matt. 18:6 NK*

**W**ith the start of the New Year I began to count the blessings that I have received this past year. Sitting here, listening to wind howling outside ushering in the bitter cold, I think how blessed all of us are with a safe, warm house to keep us comfortable. My mind then turns to all of the families that also have been blessed with the beautiful stitches of love all of the wonderful ladies that are connected to Threads of Love have made. Knowing the families that receive each gift of love, whether it's a loss of their precious babies or the uncertainty of the outcome of their tiny premature infants, they also received that warm fuzzy feeling that someone they didn't even know cared enough to make and give them tiny clothes to dress their precious angel in. In turn, you should also be feeling that warm love, along with our Lord and Savior as He looks down on how those stitches of love touches all the different hearts. Not only the Threads of Love volunteers and the parents of the tiny babies, but the staff and nurses at all the hospitals across this country that we call the home of the free, also feel that warmth of giving kindness.



Most of you know that our definition of an infant is up to one year old. After talking with a nurse from another hospital and learning of their needs, I took her request to our board to supply larger blankets for older children. The board felt that with this was an area that we should minister to and therefore not stand by our limit of one year. Her specific request was for blankets to give to those children that were brought in to the Emergency Room that needed to be examined for sexual abuse; that month alone, there had been 18 children ranging in ages of two months to twelve years old. I would hope that all of you would talk with your hospital to see if there is a need there also. These are little hearts that not only need to be mended, but need love and kindness right then and there. What a horrible thing for a child to have to face in a secular world. Let's put the definition of an infant aside and meet this need head on. You can contact me for the prayer that has been written for this ministry if you decide to take this on as part of your outreach.



## **MAIL BOX...**

**W**e have a little girl who was just born on Christmas day-6 weeks early. She has been in NICU since then at St. Vincents in Birmingham, AL. They have placed one of your blankets in her pod and we just love it! Thank you for donating your time and thoughts to this special ministry!  
-anonymous sender

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**T**hank you for your thoughtful donations throughout the year of burial gowns, cloth envelopes for mementos, isolette covers and other items to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Labor and Delivery. The contributions are deeply appreciated by our staff and the families of our precious little patients. We are grateful for your continued support and friendship.

Woman's Hospital is a mission focused, independent, nonprofit hospital dedicated to improving the health of women and infants. Your in-kind gift helps to further that mission.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Weill, VP/Chief Development Officer

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**M**y name is Tamika. I recently had received a package with a little gown, booties and a hat for my stillborn little girl. Her name is Bynae Alise and she was born December 18, 2009. I wanted to thank you for making

the little package. It's not until you go through something like this that you would know that what you do even exists. I personally didn't know and don't know how many mothers, parents or families thank you for taking the time to make the little cloths for all sizes of babies that don't make it outside the womb. Thank you again for making it. It helped in my transition in dealing with the death of my daughter.

Sincerely,  
Tamika

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Dear Alpine Church of Christ,

**M**y daughter recently lost her baby. She had only carried him for 5 months - but those months were filled with love and anticipation of a new life.

It was perhaps one of the most heart-wrenching experiences I had ever been thru. To labor and know that the precious baby was already dead just broke her heart. When he was finally born-he was perfect. Ten fingers and ten toes, a beautiful little face—our sweet little angel was 8 in long and weighed 7 ounces and yet he was perfect in every way.

Knowing we would bury him the next day a nurse brought us a package bearing the words "Threads of Love" from Alpine Church of Christ. What a precious gift, a tiny little gown and crocheted hat and a little blanket - it was perfect! He now rests peacefully in Jesus' arms dressed in his white gown and blanket -t hank you.

Thank you for making this difficult time in our lives less painful. God Bless you all for your compassion and sharing of your talents".

Linda - Grandmother



# Threads of Love 2010 National Convention

Thursday, April 22 – Sunday, April 25

1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church - Rock Hill, SC

Registration time is here! We personally invite all of you to join us for our 2010 gathering. The convention is co-hosted by the Charlotte, NC and Rock Hill, SC chapters and our theme is 'Racin' Into Spring'. We are planning on a great time of learning and fellowship.

For those of you who may not have attended previous conventions, we encourage you to make every effort to attend. It's such a blessing to spend time with your fellow sisters in Christ who are dedicated to spreading God's love through our talents and gifts. It's a great way to share information and 'recharge' your Threads of Love batteries.

Whether you are just starting as a chapter, or have been working for many years in this ministry, there is something for YOU at the convention. We are hoping for a good turn out this year and we hope to meet YOU there!

**Download the convention registration packet with all the details at:**

[www.charlottethreadsoflove.org/Regpack.pdf](http://www.charlottethreadsoflove.org/Regpack.pdf)

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## **2010 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS:**

TWO days of classes with a variety of topics and projects including:

- ⇒ SPEEDY ISOLETTE COVERS
  - ⇒ JEWELRY PROJECTS
  - ⇒ APPLIQUE BABY BIBS
  - ⇒ KNITTING – BEGINNER & ADVANCED CLASSES
  - ⇒ SPECIAL ITEMS like SNUGGLIES & GUARDIAN ANGEL DOLLS
  - ⇒ BEGINNER SMOCKING & EMBROIDERY
  - ⇒ BEREAVEMENT GOWN BASICS & EMBELLISHMENT
  - ⇒ SCRAPBOOKING & PAPER CRAFTING
  - ⇒ CHAPTER ORGANIZATION.....& MORE!
  - ⇒ BONUS DAY tours, Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tour area fabric and craft shops on the Shop Hop OR tour the Billy Graham Library and enjoy beautiful springtime blooms at Stowe Botanical Gardens
  - ⇒ CONTESTS - Bereavement Gown, Baby Blankets & door prizes, including a special grant of \$100 to the chapter who has the most participants attend
  - ⇒ FREE lodging with host families available
- Convention fee is as low as \$65 for chapter members and includes Classes, activities & meals!

## **More Thank You Notes:**

**I** just wanted to acknowledge **Threads of Love** with a belated, but heartfelt **Thanks!** I gave birth to a (1pound 8oz) little girl, who is now a wonderful and very active 4-year-old. At the time she was born, it was a trying time for me; I had already experienced two miscarriages prior to her birth, coupled with 6 years of infertility. Needless to say her birth was met with mixed emotions - Overjoyed that finally I had a baby, but very uneasy due to her premature condition. Seeing all of the tubes and wires attached to her little fragile, unclothed body was overwhelming.

It all seemed unreal, and so did the baby. One day, on one of my countless visits to the NICU at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge, I noticed a neatly placed packet that contained a small cap, a gown, a blanket, and a prayer; all with *Threads of Love* on them. I was so excited to finally get some clothes that fit my baby! She finally seemed like a real baby to me. Those items will remain keepsakes.

I am forever grateful and I want you to know that this ministry is truly a ministry of Love. Although you may not always be acknowledged, you are touching and blessing the lives of many. What better example of God's unconditional Love is there than the example that you have been over the past years. Know that **YOU ARE A BLESSING!!!!**  
**AND THANK YOU ! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Sincerely,  
Greta



**I** am an RN who works in the Special Care Nursery of Women and Infants' Hospital, and I am writing to let you know how much we appreciate your "care packages." The colors, fabrics and little attention to detail really brightens the days of our babies and their families. Parents are just thrilled when their baby is finally "big enough" to wear clothes! And the soft little dolls are ideal for positioning and soothing the babies. You are like angels looking out for these little ones. On behalf of the babies and families, thank you for all of your hard work, thoughts and prayers. - Megan

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Dear Friends in Christ,

**W**e recently lost our baby boy Benjamin Riley, to a late miscarriage. Your gift of the little gown, blanket and memory folder comforted and encouraged us so much as we said goodbye to our little one. Thank you for your love and compassion, for the handiwork that represented God's handiwork in forming our son so perfectly, and for honoring the gift of life so beautifully. May God bless your exceedingly and abundantly.

Love, Chris and Catherine

*"In the way of righteousness is life, and in the pathway thereof is no death." Pro. 12:28".*

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## Simply Call Her Mom

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

God said, "Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."



The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the small child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

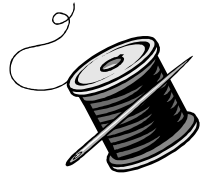
"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

God said, You will simply call her, " **Mom .**"

Have trouble making tiny gathers? Here's the method that I use, it works great! I use a stitch length of 2, lower the top tension 2 numbers. *You will need to play with getting the right stitch length and tension setting with your brand of machine, I have a Viking.*



Stitch gathering rows in place with the right side up. That puts the bobbin thread on the wrong side of the fabric. When gathering, always pull the bobbin thread! Pulling the top thread locks the stitch. If two rows of gathering are used (which I prefer), pull both the bobbin threads at the same time. Now, you will have dainty heirloom gathers instead of monster gathers. Sissy



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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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