

Sew Precious In His Sight



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GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN

"You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14:14



Mission Statement: Our mission is to show parents the love of Christ, especially at a time when their personal pain is hard to endure, and let them know that God is faithful. Through acts of obedience and donations, His work can and will continue. We pray that this ministry will have an impact far beyond our expectations.

Our Purpose: Threads of Love is a sewing ministry meeting the needs of newborns and tiny premature infants.



The Threads of Love cd that was done in 1997, it is in the process of being up-date. Sissy will let the chapters know when it is finished. It will be a good tool for recruiting new members and perhaps getting the old one back that has dropped since we have not been able to meet. Also Threads of Love has had a song recorded called Stitches of Love, as soon as Sissy has it copyrighted it will be available to be heard on the website. The two will be downloaded to a memory stick for chapters to use.

10 Years

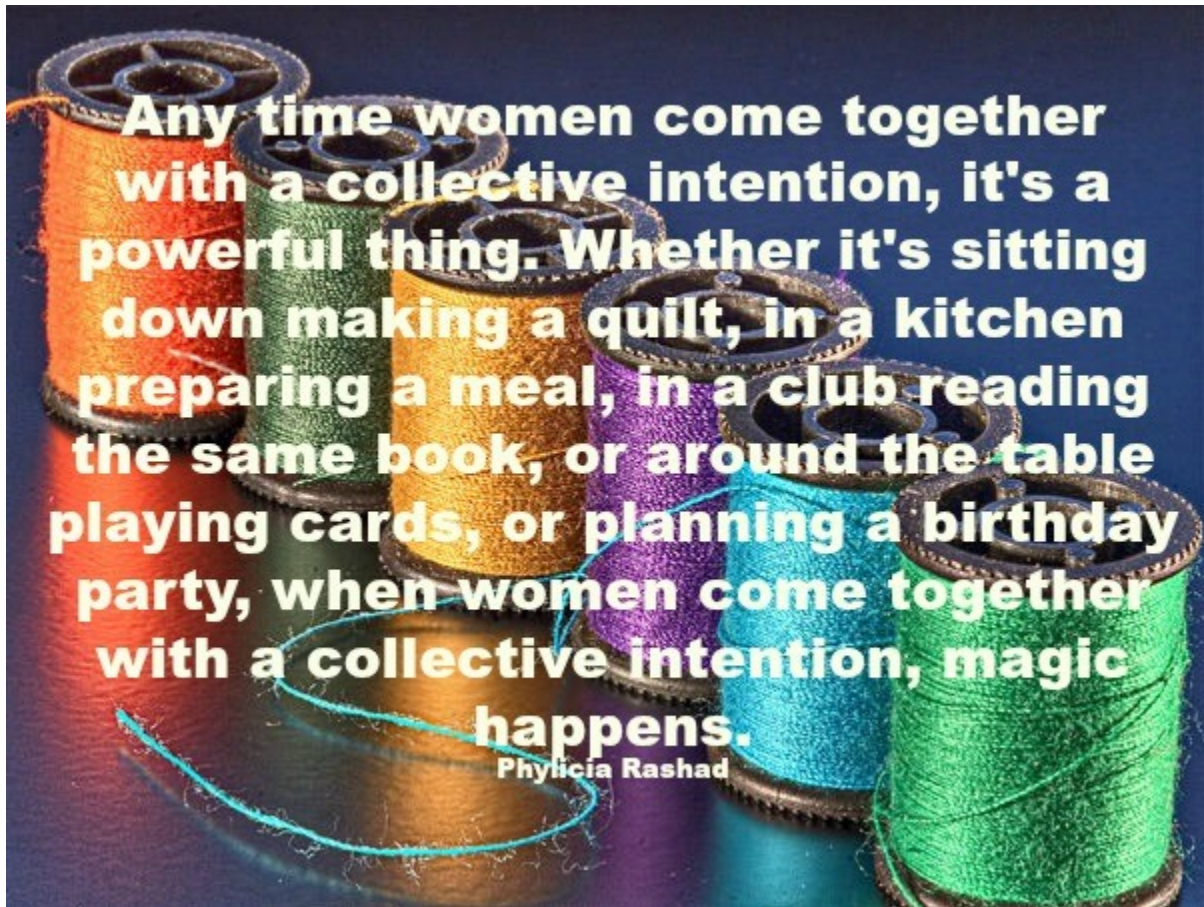
Threads of Love
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ATTENTION

We have a new website. Make sure you go on and check it out. I just did and it is awesome.

Also be on the look out for an email from Sissy. She has something very special coming soon.



And we plan to do just that come next April. This past year has certainly been a challenge for us all. But, we do know who is in control.

Happy first birthday to Ascension Sacred Heart Emerald Coast's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit!

We held a small celebration in the NICU to commemorate the 160 babies and families we have served since opening last March. A pair of twin girls who were delivered early joined us this week to mark the special occasion. They were born under 35 weeks and have thrived in the NICU over the past 9 days since birth. They are going home with true St. Patrick's Day luck!

Thank you to [Destiny Threads of Love](#), an organization based out of Panama City, who makes our families blankets and holiday spirit items.





Angie Livingston giving gowns supplied by Joyce Daniel from the Lake Oconee GA TOL chapter to Kim Roemer at the hospital. Angie is on the left. Thank you Joyce and Angie for the blessing you are.

Sissy received an email from Kim Roemer, a nurse at Ascension Sacred Heart Emerald Coast Hospital requesting assistance from TOL. Sissy then called me to find out how close this hospital was to me. It's only about 30 miles. She asked if I would follow up with her. I did and found out they needed internment gowns. They also have a NICU and needed preemie bundles. Our preemie bundles include a knitted hat, vest, crocheted blanket, and a Lovie doll. I had some preemie bundles on hand but no gowns. In the meantime a lady from a TOL chapter in Georgia called Sissy and said she had some internment gowns If anybody needed any. Sissy put her in touch with me and I got them in the mail in just a few days. With all these in hand I delivered these to the nurse that contacted Sissy. So now our Panama City Beach chapter serves 2 hospitals! We are in our 2nd year of existence and God has blessed us in so many ways. From this testimony you can see how He has directed my path!

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not on thine own understanding. In all they ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path. “

This is taken from a Newsletter of a Mission's Work, Eden's Song. This is from their June Newsletter. Who would have thought so long ago when Sissy raised her hand to sew what it would be today.

Sissy, thank you for being obedient to God's voice that day. I don't believe you will ever know the impact of the lives touched until Heaven. I am reminded of a song by Ray Boltz,, "Thank You".

"Thank you for giving to the Lord.
I am a life that was changed
Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am so glad you gave

**CREATING A CULTURE OF MISSIONS
BECOME A MISSION'S MINDED TEAM
SPREADING THE CULTURE –
THREADS OF LOVE**

Established in October 2016, Threads of Love For Heaven's Sake is a faith based nationally known organization dedicated to providing clothing and care items for premature babies (living and deceased). This amazing branch, from Community Bible Church (CBC) in San Antonio, is an outreach ministry made up of men and women volunteers. Items are handmade and distributed to local San Antonio hospitals , Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU), and a hospital in Corpus Christi They also support Eden's Song Ministry with handmade sock dolls which hold the parents smell to comfort baby, baby blankets, newborn outfits and preemie outfits. The beautiful items for deceased babies are sent to our missionaries with birthing centers to support parents in their loss & for the burial ceremony.

Threads of Love is essential to many organizations, including Eden's Song, & we are blessed they partner with our Midwife kit project.

This sent in by Joyce Daniels

"My friend composes songs about sewing machines.....he's a Singer songwriter or sew it seams."



Never Have I Ever...

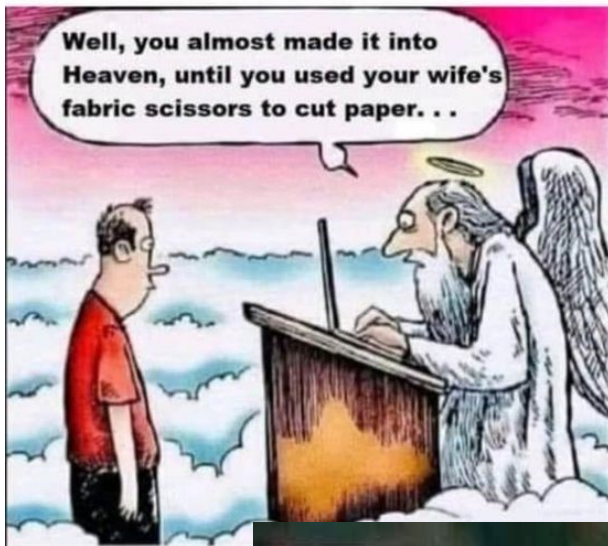
Give yourself 1 point for each thing you haven't done and comment with your score!

Used thread that didn't match to avoid rethreading
Closed my sewing room door to hide the mess
Left my seams unfinished
Stabbed myself with the seam ripper
Bought more just to get free shipping
Sewn through my finger
Ignored pattern instructions
Chosen a size without measuring
Ironed a garment while wearing it
Forgotten to prewash
Bought a pattern I already had
Sat on a pin
Cut fabric off grain
Sewn in my underwear
Burned myself with my iron
Sewn an entire seam without bobbin thread
Put a pin in my mouth
Sewn all night to finish a project
Cut 2 of the same piece instead of "mirrored"
Used fabric scissors on something besides fabric

Blank Slate Patterns

And, I will add, just this week I sewed two back legs and two front legs together on a pair of pants. Mike said I didn't know if I was coming or going.





**When you open your eyes
all your projects will
be finished.**

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Sometimes miracles
are just good people with
kind hearts.





Revelations 4:11 *“Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power; For You created all things, and because of Your will they exist, and were created and brought into being.”*

Years before deciding to be involved with Threads of Love (TOL), I read a story about the ministry and was impressed with the amount of love and expertise involved with the work. I felt a nudge in my heart, but at the time I was working full time, my children were young, my husband and I taught Sunday School together, etc. Although I wanted to be a part of TOL, I felt over committed with other responsibilities and put my thoughts about it on a back burner.

As the years passed, I occasionally thought of TOL but I wasn't ready to make another commitment. I now know God was gently preparing me for the calling and would later direct me more specifically. Threads of Love would become a ministry not only for me but also my husband, and the chapter would blossom into an outreach ministry to our community.

Fast forward with me to August 2016. I began thinking of retirement from my full-time job as a flight attendant, wondering what I would do with my extra time. Whatever I did, I wanted the work to be God directed and to help others, while giving back to my community. As I self-reflect, memories of losing my first baby to an early miscarriage, and my daughter losing triplets in 2014, pushed TOL back to the forefront of my mind. My thoughts and admiration for the work of TOL was and is God calling me to work for Him, in a way I could never have imagined.

I began talking to my husband repeatedly about TOL, and the possibility of getting involved in a local chapter. It was only after my husband finally said to me, “either do something or quit talking about it”, which spurred me to action. To be completely honest with you, it was the jolt I needed to set me on the path to move and “do something about it”. But how would I balance my work and this ministry?

God is always in the details when what you are doing is for Him **Romans 8:31** *“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?” KJV*

I continued working 4 more years after starting Threads of Love For Heavens Sake...it can be done even when you have a full-time job! Next, I checked with my church to find if they had space available for our chapter. It also had to be on a day of the week I could be available. Thankfully, we were able to reserve a large space at church on a day fitting perfectly into our schedule. Now, will anyone come?

In September 2016, through our church online media, we invited the entire 21,000-member church to attend what we called: See and Share, to learn about TOL in a little more detail. We borrowed display items from other Threads of Love chapters, as it seemed important to us for those attending to see sample items of what we do. It had a tangible effect and helped attendees better understand what we would be making for babies, hospitals, neonatal ICU, nurses and families. Thirteen ladies and one gentleman attended; we were so excited!

Threads of Love For Heavens Sake is in the 5th year of ministry and going strong, with a volunteer base of 65 members. Volunteers come as their schedules allow. When they can't attend gatherings, most volunteers come and drop off finished items, pick-up cut fabrics, yarn, socks for Lovie Dolls or other materials to work at home.

- Contact Sissy Davis first. (As the TOL founder, she will give you valuable information and pointers.) You'll receive a new handbook; it will serve you well.
- Follow the few easy steps Sissy will give you to get started. Signing up as a registered chapter was easy.
- If you have access to another TOL Chapter, it may be helpful to ask a member or leader to attend your first orientation/gathering.
- Invite everyone! If you use church facilities, invite people not attending any church. It's a great outreach program. And don't be concerned about inviting other church's members too, God uses all His children.
- We allow volunteers to pick the items they enjoy making. We follow TOL guidelines and, if needed, contact a NICU nurse for direction. (We have a small board of nurse advisers).
- Our chapter began growing and the need with finances grew too. One of our members volunteered to file for tax exemption, allowing us to become a non-profit organization.
- Accept all help and listen to suggestions! We contacted organizations offering grants, filled out applications (it is work but rewarding)
- A generous businessman and his wife (a retired NICU nurse) love Threads of Love and volunteered to finance a website. The couple hired a professional to design and construct our website.
- Remember, chapters evolve and grow over time. If you're interested in starting a chapter, talk to your friends. You'll be surprised at the responses. Many will become members.
- Trust yourself to lead. Every chapter has a different story, was started in a different way and for different reasons.
- Our chapter has a devotion each gathering. Members are invited to bring a snack or lunch to enjoy during the devotion. We sometimes have guest speakers during devotions such as pastors, nurses, teachers, mothers and grandmothers. Many have lost a baby or have a child who survived a premature birth and want to talk about their experiences. "Variety is the spice of life" so keep thinking outside the box.
- You will experience bumps in the road, don't be discouraged, stay with it. Next to your own family it will bring you the greatest rewards you'll ever receive. Believe this: "If God is for you who can be against you".

Threads of Love For Heavens Sake

Linda Coward - San Antonio, Texas January 2021

A huge thank you to Linda for sharing. I would love more stories like this for the Newsletter. It can be a great encouragement to others. Please share your story. I, as well as others, would love to hear it.