



Creative Caring Hearts

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OUR NEXT MEETING IS:

Saturday, January 14, 2012
9:30 a.m.
Park Vista Retirement Community
950 County Road QQ, Waupaca
For directions, call 715-258-2524

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Saturday, January 14; 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 11; 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 10; 9:30 a.m.

NOTE ABOUT DECEMBER: *Creative Caring Hearts does not hold a work group session in December so that our volunteers can spend more time with their families and preparing for their own individual holiday plans! Thank you for another fantastic year of great talents and success in providing for the newborns of our area!*

You are all the best!

THANK YOU TO CAMP CLEGHORN

What fun at our last work group when Sue Hackbarth presented CCH with a check for \$500 from the Camp Cleghorn summer chapel collections! Every year this generous group shares part of their Sunday collections with Creative Caring Hearts, which is not only deeply appreciated, but also put to great use!

THANKS TO GARY'S PIGGLY WIGGLY AND ALL OF YOU WHO SHOP THERE!

Can you believe that we just keep on receiving a donation from Piggly Wiggly, thanks to all the receipts you have been submitting to Shari Cerne? This month we received a check for \$51.75, which is happily applied to postage, printing of this newsletter, insert cards, and labels. Amazing!

THANKS TO CHAIN STAMPERS

Thank you so much to Ruth Diefenthaler, Julie Vassar, and the members of Chain Stampers for including CCH in their annual Christmas collections. We have received some great infant toys from them, which are always so low on our supplies.

VOTING FOR CREATIVE CARING HEARTS AT HANSEN'S

Just a reminder that CCH has a Christmas tree at Hansen's in Waupaca. Voting for the trees runs from Thursday, November 17, until Saturday, December 24. People get to vote with money:
 1 cent = 1 vote!

Remember, every vote counts! Every tree organization gets the money from their votes, but the winning tree organization also gets \$100 donated by Hansen's!

MIRACLE TREE IN WAUPACA

If you have things you want to include in the donation to Miracle Tree, please get them to me by December 11 or drop them by the OLD Walgreens building the week of December 12. Thanks so much!

UP-DATE ON HARRISON RICE!

We received the following note from Harrison's family: *"We thank you for your kindness and generosity in providing the clothes, blankets, stuffed toys, and tote bag. They were made you selfless hands and are so very appreciated. Everything is put in its place, waiting for Harrison to come home. Bless you all!"* Let's pray that this tiny boy can be home with his mom and dad very soon, maybe even for Christmas!

ANOTHER NOTE TO WARM OUR HEARTS

"We had our baby boy at Riverside Medical Center and were gifted with a bib, crinkle toy, and a towel/washcloth set all created by your group. We just want to say 'Thank you!' It was such a nice surprise. As a sewer myself, I really appreciate the time and love that goes into handmade gifts. All the items will be put to good use!"

Much thanks, The Albright Family"



Merry Christmas to each of you! Remember, a long time ago a tiny baby was born who just needed some extra help! I'm so glad we carry on the tradition of those caring shepherds and wise men!

November 2011 TOTALS

Donations given to:
 Healthy Beginnings.....7
 Mitten Tree—UMC-Parfreyville...50
 Private requests.....69
 Riverside Hospital.....264
 St. Michael's Hospital.....256
TOTAL 646

Donations In.....488
 Volunteer Hours.....543

Bags given out: **5 boys, 9 girls**

Running total of layettes this year:
73 boys, 75 girls

BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING FOR FLANNEL

As many of you know, Black Friday is our annual shopping day for flannel. On this day, flannel at JoAnn Fabrics, normally \$5.99 and \$6.99 per yard, goes on sale for \$1.49 per yard. Bob and I at the Appleton store before opening at 6 a.m., ready with our "plan of attack". He "mans" the you-are-next ticket and the cart, while I just keep on grabbing flannel and adding it to the cart. This year, there were many more shoppers who have also caught on to the "plan", but we did amazingly well. When we walked out of the store at 7:50, we had paid \$462 and saved \$1500! Yup! Can't beat those savings! Now comes the favor I have to ask you: Could you help us out by taking a few of the 26 bolts of flannel in our basement? They need to be cut into approximately 3 yard sections and washed in mild detergent, dried without fabric softener. Do let me know if you can help out. I'll deliver, pick up, whatever, but the help will be GREATLY appreciated!

NEED OF THE MONTH

Toys for infants and hygiene items are a need right now. Especially appreciated are links, rattle-type toys, and small, soft toys.

Thanks to all of you who have been finding great buys on infant books! They are so cute!