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Infinite Energy Center

March 12, 13 & 14, 2020

The Expo is almost upon us!

Tiny Stitches will be there again with a booth. We will need a few volunteers to help man the booth. No experience needed. Please let Debbie Vickers know if you would be willing. Click her email here---

> debbievickers1@yahoo.com

To learn more about this year's expo, click the link:

<https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Atlanta,GA.aspx>

MARCH NEEDS

- Boy / Girl Sleepers
- Boy / Girl Lap-Front Shirts
- Boy / Girl Quilts
- Girl Caps
- Boy Socks
- Boy / Girl Large Tote Bags

note Some of the socks coming in are more of a preemie size and are not usable. Please refer to some of the patterns on the site to double check. <https://tinystitches.org/home>

NOTES FROM THE HEART 

Fannin County did not need bags for February, but when letting us know our contact also had this to say:

"We continue to appreciate all you do for our mothers and please extend our thanks and gratitude to all who participate in making your organization great. We get such wonderful comments and feedback from our mothers- they are so happy with their layettes."

This was an article about us in the Anderson Independent Mail – Georgia Homeowner edition on Jan. 15, 2020.

Tiny Stitches marks 20 years of clothing infants

Twenty years ago, five north Georgia women realized that many newborns in rural Georgia were leaving the hospital without enough clothing and bedding to keep them warm in the winter and cool in the summer. The women realized that many mothers struggle to provide little more than food for their infants, let alone enough clothing to keep them dry and comfortable during the first three months of life.

The concerned women began the Tiny Stitches organization, which has blossomed to more than 200 dedicated volunteers who meet in seven workshops throughout northeast Georgia to sew, knit, crochet and quilt the newborn items. The vision of providing only handcrafted garments and blankets is to sew love into each and every stitch. The babies-in-need receive 32 items that are packed into large, sturdy, hand-sewn totes (known as layettes) that the mothers can use to carry items for baby care.

More than 50 volunteers attended the Tiny Stitches 20th anniversary celebration on Dec. 11 at the Bunten Road Park Activity Center in Duluth. In the past 20 years, Tiny Stitches has provided 9,575 layettes to north Georgia babies-in-need. Those layettes included 341,089 items of clothing and bedding.

For parents who suffer the loss of an infant, regardless of their financial status, Tiny Stitches provides a burial ensemble that includes a gown, blanket, and keepsake envelope. Burial ensembles have been provided to 1,809 families since 1999.

Each month a team of volunteers meets at the processing center in Suwanee to receive the items created by volunteers. Items are sorted, packaged, and stored for upcoming delivery to contacts at local hospitals and social service centers, who identify the babies-in-need.

Tiny Stitches is a nonprofit that is funded by grants and donations from north Georgia electric membership corporations, private corporations, and individuals. Tiny Stitches asks its volunteers to provide only their time and talents, while the charity depends on donations to purchase and provide all materials. Patterns and instructions are provided by workshop leaders to the men, women, and teens who volunteer.



Tiny Stitches volunteers cut fabric to be sewn into garments and bedding for infants in need. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Tiny Stitches celebrated its 20th anniversary at a Dec. 11 event in Duluth.



Hand-sewn layettes, filled with items for newborns, are ready for donation.

Volunteers can create the layette items at the workshops or take materials home and deliver finished clothing and bedding back to their workshops for delivery to the processing center.

If you are interested in finding a local workshop, volunteering, donating, or learning more about Tiny Stitches, view the Website at www.tinystitches.org or contact info@tinystitches.org.



Volunteers with Tiny Stitches sort items to be packaged for donation.

MEETING NOTES

- * February's distribution: 54 layettes, 1862 items, 2 burials
- * The January workday was a huge success! Unit 547 had a thorough cleanout and organize. Check it out! Thank you to all who came and labored for TS!
- * The next workday is scheduled for March 18th (Wednesday)
- * Looking way ahead, we are looking at having the TS luncheon earlier (October) and on a Saturday so that more of us will be able to make it.
- * Many of you are diligent about attaching Tiny Stitches as a non-profit recipient when you are at a store or shop on-line. Thank You! If you weren't aware you could, many entities allow a small percentage to go to your charity of choice. Amazon smile, Kroger and possibly Walmart (looking into this one) have this option. If you are not sure, it is always a good idea to ask if they do this. As I tell my girls, "all they can do is say no."

CALENDAR

Feb 26 (Wed) Pre-pack
Mar 2 (Mon) Business meeting
March 18 (Wed) Workday at the warehouse
April 1 (Wed) Pre-pack
April 6 (Mon) Business meeting
April 29 Pre-pack
May 4 (Mon) Business meeting
May 27 (Wed) Pre-pack
June 1 (Mon) Business meeting

Pre-pack - 9:30 at Your Extra Attic/ 130 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Sugar Hill
Business Meeting - 10:15 at Atlanta Sewing Center/ 1248 Duluth Highway, Duluth

**As always, thank you for all of your sweet time stitching.
Hopefully, you can feel cozy in chill winter days this way.**

