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A Message from Barb

Children in Non-accidental Trauma Units

As we ring in the New Year, setting goals and resolutions, I am reminded that there are children who did not get to spend their holidays at home with family. Some were patients in a Children's Hospital being treated for non-accidental trauma injuries.

By definition, non-accidental trauma is an injury that is purposefully inflicted upon a child, in other words, abuse. Some of the injuries include bruising, burns, fractures, Shaken Baby Syndrome and other head traumas, and broken bones. The medical professionals who investigate, examine, treat, operate, and heal those with broken bones, broken minds and broken hearts are a special group committed to the wellbeing of these precious children. The Trauma Center of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is a very special place indeed. Whether it's a scary surgery or children who are headed to Foster Care for their own safety, the Trauma Center uses our donations of handmade blankets, loveys, surgicaps and toys to bring a smile and a little something to hold on to when their young lives have been turned upside down.

Please take a look at the items we currently provide and see if there is one you resonate with. Your donations mean so much to us, but more importantly, the children who receive them.

May God's grace continue to be with them in the New Year. May love and laughter fill yours!

xo,
Barb

ONGOING PROJECTS



The following are projects that can be done anytime. Want to change it up and try something different? These may be just what you're looking for!

Children's Hospitals: Cardiac heart-shaped pillows and port-a-cath pillows in kid fun fabrics (no nursery fabrics). The **current requests are for surgicaps and kid size blankets**. Patterns can be found on our Pinterest page or anywhere online.

Children's Beanies and Blankets in all the winter and Valentine's Day colors make the trauma unit cheery and uplifting. Sizing charts can be found on our [Pinterest](#) page.



PICK A PROJECT



SEWING

[Giving Back: Making Kiddie Surgical Caps](#)



CROCHET

[Puppy Lovey - Free Crochet Pattern](#) [Loops & Love Crochet](#)

You can substitute any animal head for lovies



KNIT

[Square Bear Knitting Pattern](#)

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Circle of Love has truly touched the lives of so many of our trauma children and their caregivers. When providing the hand-knitted blankets to the babies, families always express their gratitude and comment on the beauty of the blankets. As the Trauma Program Social Worker at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, we are grateful for your hand-knitted donations.

In Kind,

Jennifer Kovic, LSW
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OUR NEXT ISSUE WILL FEATURE
Infant Loss



In 2021, we are happy to have donated over 70 blankets and toys to CHOP's Trauma Unit.

Special thanks to Kate Paffett and Rose Webster for their newsletter design, content, patterns and continued commitment to our circle.

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