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HAT NOT HATE

A MESSAGE FROM BARB

Bullying... we read about it all the time. Some of us may have experienced it first hand in elementary, middle or high school. Today, through social media, bullying has taken on a whole new dimension.

What once started in the school yard, has now escalated onto every social platform out there.

Hat Not Hate is an anti-bullying campaign, started in 2018 by Shira Blumenthal, herself a victim of bullying when she was nine. While her passion was spurred on by a personal situation, the problem has spread into an epidemic where victims often experience depression, anxiety and sadly, suicidal behaviors.

Our Circle of Love volunteers embraced this campaign and over the years have donated over 300 blue hats. We will continue to do so as long as the need exists. Hopefully, it won't exist for long!



ONGOING PROJECTS

The Hat Not Hate Campaign is ongoing all year. Hats should be handmade using any blue yarn and should be at least 75% blue. Sizes range from ages 5 to 18 years approximately 16-20" wide. Styles can be varied to include beanie and slouchy style. This year, hats must be received by August 1. You may send your donations to:

Hat Not Hate
PO Box 630
Howell, NJ 07731

All donated hats will be distributed to select schools throughout the country during the month of October which is National Bullying Prevention Month.

In addition to providing hats, the Hat Not Hate organization offers virtual and in-person assemblies as well as curriculum to interested schools. What began as an idea has bloomed into a movement.

Already made your Blue Hats? Not to worry.... you can get a head start on holiday hats and blankets for newborns as well as hospice blankets and shawls.

At this time, we are not in need of any NICU items. We will let you know if that changes.



BLUE HAT PATTERNS

There are several blue hat patterns (knit and crochet) listed on the following website:

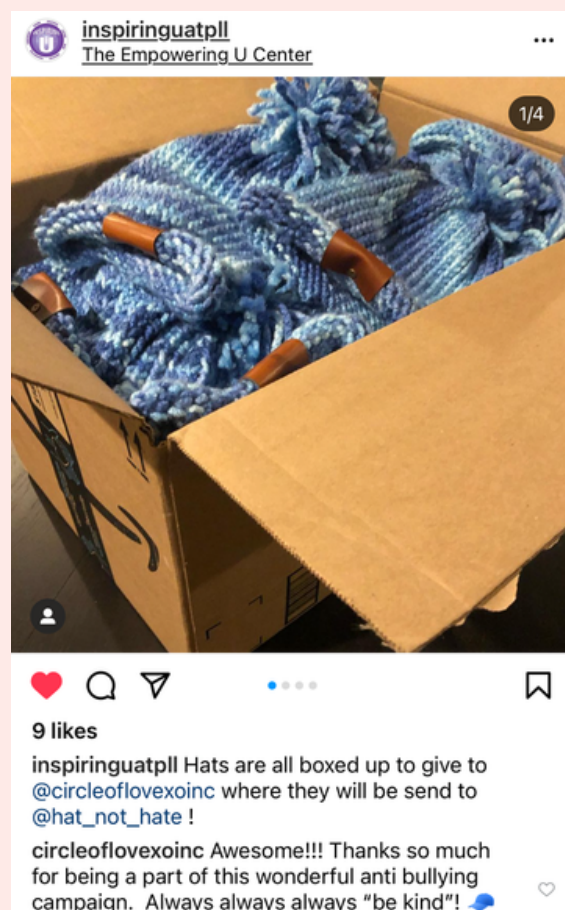
https://hatnothate.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/HNH_Patterns.pdf

If you have a favorite pattern of your own, please feel free to use it!

To learn more about *Hat Not Hate organization and the many programs they provide*, visit their website:

<https://hatnothate.org/about-us/>

Thank you for helping us reach their goal of 5,000 Blue Hats!





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WITH CIRCLE OF LOVE



Contact us via email at
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CircleOfLoveXO.org

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A MESSAGE FROM THOSE WE HAVE HELPED



St. Christopher's
Hospital for Children

A PARTNERSHIP OF TOWER HEALTH
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April 27, 2022

Barbara Carson
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Collegeville, PA 19426

Dear Barbara,

On behalf of the St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of purple octopi to our babies for Purple Day.

Every day at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children families are faced with stressful and challenging medical situations. Your donation assisted us in creating a joyful hospital experience and atmosphere for these patients and families. The purple octopi helped to provide distraction and support to our babies allowing them to join in the events of the Child Life Department's Spirit Week Purple Day.

The patients, families, and staff at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children deeply appreciate your kindness and thank you very much for your thoughtful contribution.

Sincerely,

Christina Conlan
Senior Child Life Specialist

This letter will serve as the record of receipt of your gift. In accordance with IRS guidelines, please note that St. Christopher's Hospital for Children has provided no goods or services in exchange for this contribution. St. Christopher's Hospital for Children is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Tax ID 75624435. Your gift is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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