



Knitting For Angels Newsletter

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Members

Total: 188
In MA, ME, NH,
NY, NJ, KS, FL
& HI

Totals Shipped

2004 & Prior 93
2005 658
2006 YTD 596
1447

Countries We Touch

Afghanistan
Belarus
China
Colombia
Guatemala
Romania
Russia
Ukraine
USA

Quote Of Note:

"One hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, how big my house was, or what kind of car I drove. But the world may be a little better, because I was important in the life of a child."

[Forest Witcraft](#)

Spring in Full Bloom, Despite the deluge of rain we have had here in the North East, Spring is in full swing. We have been so busy with our Afghanistan and Chernobyl shipments that we haven't had much time for boxing and social gatherings. We have lots planned for the coming month. We look forward to seeing current and new members!! We will be slowing down for the summer so the next newsletter will not be until August! Have a great summer. Warmest Regards, Susan Caccivio

What's New

Thanks to all our members who responded so quickly and generously for the Afghanistan shipment for Dr. Miller. We were able to send her over with 70+ lbs (over 200) of our handmades. Also, April 26, 2006 marked the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster. It was fitting that we were able to send Patty Doyle, President of The Chernobyl Children Project, U.S.A. to the region during that same week with an additional 200+ handmade items for the children in need in that region. We look forward to sharing Patty and Dr. Miller's experience (and hopefully pictures) with you upon their return.

Speaking of pictures, be sure to check out the new and improved website, with many more pictures added to our photo album.

We have our Regional Chapter now established in Southern New Hampshire. We have several coordinators and drop off centers and will be holding regional socials in the next month. Feel free to access our website or the specifics for items needed in this newsletter and get started on any project. We look forward to meeting all our new members soon!

Looking for that Perfect Gift?

Are you looking for a special gift for an upcoming wedding, graduation, fathers' day or just an unusual Birthday gift for a recipient who seems to have it all. Consider a tax-deductible gift to Knitting For Angels in the name of your recipient. We will send a special handmade treasure in our next shipment dedicated in their name as well as sending them a special acknowledgment letter of this dedication. These dedication donations can be made via credit card through our website or by check through home office!

Fundraising Committee Forming

We are seeking volunteers with an expertise or an interest in Fundraising to contact us at 781-592-2868 or by email knittingforangels@comcast.net. We will have our first fundraising meeting in the coming months to discuss ideas for this year. We are thinking of a cookbook for our first fundraiser so start going though and picking our your favorite recipes to submit.

New Partner

The AMT Children of Hope was recently featured in People magazine for their dedication to educating pregnant mothers about the Safe Haven laws in an effort to end the senseless abandonment deaths. Thanks to all that donated white burial blankets and baby blankets for this cause.

KFA Alliances and Partners;

**New England Medical
Center Hospital,
International
Adoption Clinic**
Boston, MA

**Chernobyl Children
Project, U.S.A**
Dedham, MA

**China Adoption with
Love Inc.**
Brookline, MA

**Wide Horizons For
Children,**
Waltham, MA

**The Home for Little
Wanderers,**
Boston, MA

**Italian Home For
Children,**
Jamaica Plain, MA

**Romanian Children's
Relief,**
Southborough, MA

**International Rescue
Committee,**
Boston, MA

Project Hope,
Dorchester MA

**A Mother's Wish,
Inc,**
Swampscott, MA.

**The AMT Children of
Hope Foundation**
Mineola, NY

Dr. Miller to host Murmansk Delegation

Dr. Miller has requested warm winter hats, mittens and blankies to present to the Delegation arriving the week of June 19, please bring any completed items to the upcoming regional socials. Dr. Miller writes "We will be delighted to welcome 5 pediatric colleagues from the Murmansk Baby Homes (Russia) to a visit in Boston in mid-June. We expect the arrival of the Chief Pediatrician for the region, and representatives from each of the 3 Baby Homes, including 2 of the Chief Doctors. This visit marks the conclusion of a 2-year research project funded by the National Institutes of Health, designed to improve neurodevelopmental outcome of Russian orphanage children. We plan to discuss the results of our work together, and plan for ongoing projects together. This group was so delighted to receive the donation of baby clothes and blankets when our team last visited them in Russia. I know they will be thrilled to receive an additional donation, as the need is ongoing. The numbers of children in the Baby Homes continues to rise, and as you know, it gets COLD in Murmansk!! Many thanks, in advance, to all the KFA knitters. You are wonderful angels yourselves! Perhaps Sue will consider changing your name to "Angels Knitting for Angels". I'm honored to serve as a "middleman" - from your knitting needles to babies who need warm blankets and sweaters."

Austin Prep Helps the Angels!

Back in January we received a call to help from Aimee Godett, a student at Austin Preparatory School in Reading, MA. Aimee had heard about our mission and wanted to take up our cause; Aimee writes; "Was it the angelic expression in the eyes of little Ava Rose staring at me in the picture when I opened the newspaper? Was it the headline itself, "Heart-Warming" that caught my attention? I'm not sure I'll ever know exactly what it was that made me read the article in my local newspaper about Knitting For Angels, but I'm very glad I did.

I am a junior in high school and I began studying the Russian language this year. After reading the article, it seemed to bring Russia to my own back yard in Nahant. I was touched at what an amazing organization Knitting For Angels is and I couldn't imagine a child going without mittens through a cold winter. So I decided to get my school community involved.

Originally I started with just the Russian classes, since it would be benefiting Russian orphanages, but once the school committee heard the idea they thought it was such a worthy cause that they suggested it be opened up to the whole school. After hanging up a few posters and putting it in the morning announcements, the collection took on a life of its own. Before I knew it the collection box was overflowing with a rainbow of yarn. People were stopping me in the hall and asking about the different items they could knit. It felt wonderful to have the whole school enthusiastically contributing to the Knitting For Angels organization.

I'll be traveling to Russia in June and it will be comforting to know that thanks to Knitting For Angels there are children in orphanages that can snuggle with warm blankets. It was my honor and pleasure working with Ms. Caccivio and the Knitting For Angels charity, and I am a changed person for having done so. As I dropped off my school's donation I felt a sense of joy like no other."

We thank Aimee and the Austin Prep community for their generous donation. We look forward to hearing of Aimee's travels to Russia this summer.

Country Updates

In association with International Assistance Group in Pittsburgh PA, we recently hosted a representative from the Belarus Embassy at our Nahant headquarters for a dinner with adoptive parent and children from Belarus. As many know, Belarus has not been open for some time. It was encouraging to find that the government of Belarus has not stopped adoption but has suspended them in an effort to redefine policies and procedures both inter and intra country. We would be all relieved to see these children again being placed in loving homes. The slow down in China seems to be moving ahead as we are to send more blankets with 13 families traveling with China Adoption with Love, in June!

Shipments and Deadlines

Summer is typically a slow time for KFA. Many knitters take the summer off! We don't have any shipments planned through the summer as of this writing. If we get any updates we will send a notice. In the meantime, for those who wish to continue to knit and crochet through the summer, we suggest you make what you enjoy making and we will be gearing up for big shipments in the fall. Contact headquarters or you regional chapter for drop off of completed items or yarn pickup.

Partner	Date	Where	What	Specifics
IRC	Ongoing	USA-Lynn	Newborn	Warm Sweaters, caps, bonnets, booties, mittens, blankies
CAWLI	05/06	China	1Yr-5yr	Lightweight caps, blankies, Sweaters
A Mother's Wish	Ongoing	USA-North of Boston	Newborn to 3YRS	Seasonal Sweaters, caps, bonnets, booties, mittens, blankies
Russia Dr. Miller	6/15/06	Russia	Newborn to 5 yr	Warm Sweaters, caps, bonnets, booties, mittens, blankies

Socials:

The following Headquarter and Regional Socials are scheduled. Please try to attend any all but at least one. Come meet new and old members; share your expertise, your favorite patterns or your ideas and input! We need you!!!

Regional	Date	Location	RSVP Info
Nahant Boxing/Social	Tuesday June 13 7:00 pm-9pm	65 Maolis Rd Nahant	Susan Caccivio 781-592-2868
New Hampshire Regional Social	Wednesday June 21 7pm-9pm	10 Westcott Drive Merrimack, NH	Joyce Dahl 603-429-4288
Marblehead Regional Social	Wednesday June 28 7-9pm	38 Beach Street Marblehead, MA	Rhonda Steele 781-631-7485

We are still looking for a location for hosting our Beverly Regional Social. If anyone has any ideas or wants to volunteer, KFA brings all refreshments and supplies!!!! Contact Susan at 781-592-2868!