

Tiny Stitches Newsletter

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The notes for this newsletter come from Judy McMullen. My thanks to her.

John Lehberger of Make It Loud is updating our website to include a Pay-Pal link for donations and some other new features. The expenses are being donated by Michele Murray and her husband and John and Make It Loud. John is the one who built our current website.

A donated sewing machine and 2 sergers are available at the warehouse. They can be used while other machines are in the shop or are not working.

A former Tiny Stitches volunteer has donated a quilt frame and it is available in the warehouse. Contact Susan if you would like to borrow it.

We are now set up on smile.amazon.com. Donations based on purchases will now flow directly to Tiny Stitches. If you would like to set up your account to have your purchases count, go to smile.amazon.com, open or set up your account and click on "Change your Charity" under settings. Then type in Tiny Stitches in the box under 'pick your own charitable organization" and click search. Tiny Stitches will show up in the list and you can select it. You'll get a pop-up screen confirming your choice.

We received some tote bags which were precut and put in the warehouse. They are much too large. Please verify that you are cutting the bags according to the measurements on the pattern on the web site. When the fabric is 45 inches wide, pieces 30 inches by the width of the fabric can be used for the bags, but if the fabric is 58-60 inches wide, 45 inches by the width of the fabric will make 2 bags. Some of the fabric has been cut 30" by 60" and has to be cut down to the proper size.

Susan, Frances, and Karen received an email from Dollar Days that Tiny Stitches has won second place in a drawing and we are eligible for \$1000 in merchandise from them. Susan will research it and report next month if this is a valid offer.

We received a large donation of fabric and sewing supplies. About half of it was usable for our purposes and the remainder was given to Goodwill. The fabric is shelved in the warehouse. Be sure to wash any fabric taken from the warehouse before using it.

Good Samaritan is a free clinic in Jasper that offers free services to anyone in Pickens County who needs help. One of the ladies that works there knits and has given 7 sweaters for use in our bags. We will not be providing bags to this clinic.

New Brochures will be printed after the Board elections in November. They were last printed in Feb. 2014 at a cost of \$81 for 500 brochures.

Marian Bartelski is now responsible for burial items. She will work with the Bunten Road group.

Carolyn Doyle, our yarn coordinator, reported some recent donations of sports yarn that is no in the warehouse. To large tote bins of sports yarn have recently been removed from the warehouse. Susan will check to see who might have taken them. Please remember to sign out any yarn on the clipboard which is near the file cabinet in the first unit. We need this information for inventory purposes and to be sure that there is an adequate supply for all those that need it.

Just a reminder to give all large tote bags that need snaps to Margaret Cox. She has someone who enjoys doing them for us. You can bring the bags to the warehouse, but put a note on the bag they are in saying that the bags need snaps and they will be given to Margaret.

We have an overabundance of bibs now. You may use the same fabrics that you are using for the bibs to make changing pads instead. The French Terry in the warehouse is a very good fabric for both items. Please check with the patterns on the website to be sure of sizes.

If you have Christmas fabric you would like to use for items, please turn it in for November.