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## **Three Pillars' Resident Group Donates 900 Handmade Knit & Crocheted Items to Local Charities** *Volunteers work year-round to donate hundreds of items this holiday season*



Group member Naomi Mayer leads the charge in sorting and packing this year's 900 knit and crocheted items.

**Dousman, WI. November 28, 2016** – The Knitting and Crocheting Group at Three Pillars has a longstanding tradition of donating handmade items to local non-profit organizations during the holiday season, and 2016 is no exception. They've worked for the past 12 months to create a total of 900 handmade hats, headbands, pairs of mittens, scarves, booties, sweaters, and more. This year's sum of warm-fuzzy pieces exceeded their goal, so they are delighted to deliver their from-the-heart items to three additional charities compared to years past.

The task of sorting and packing is a special part of the tradition, where group members bring their year's supply to a central location and spread them out to be sorted and admired. Once their numbers are tallied for each type of item, they take turns carefully packing into boxes to be donated.

“And we already have a head start on our supply for 2017,” commented group member Naomi Mayer. “I finished a hat that's the start of the 2017 collection. We really enjoy working towards a goal and hope to have this many next year.”

The Knitting and Crocheting Group was initiated by residents of Three Pillars in 2006, with their first year's items being donated to local food pantries and an autism awareness organization. The group continues as a resident-run volunteer group today, with a few of the original members still participating. While the members enjoy the camaraderie of creating beautiful handmade items in the company of friends, their annual goal is to create this impressive supply of cozy items to be donated to local non-profit organizations during the holidays.



Group members Gurli Eriksen, Lois Bergmann, Bonnie McGregor, and Marjie Balint enjoy each other's company as they sort and pack boxes for charities.

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