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Handmade from the Heart: Three Pillars Residents Donate 1,002 Knit and Crocheted Items to Local Nonprofit Organizations

Dousman, Wis. December 7, 2021 — The resident-organized *Crocheting & Knitting Group* at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities once again kept busy this year knitting and crocheting hats, mittens, scarves, and other winter apparel all year round. During the cozy winter months, the sweltering days of summer, and the weeks in between, they kept knitting and crocheting.

Why? So they could spread warmth to those in need during the holiday season!

14 resident volunteers came together in 2021 to help create 1,002 items that they donated to local nonprofit organizations this month. This year's special drop-off day included stops at the Women's Shelter, Hope Center, Hebron House, Oconomowoc Free Clinic, and Oconomowoc and KM Food Pantries.

The resident volunteer group, established in 2006, quickly became a hit with the community and the tradition has continued since. Organizations and recipients of the knitted goods are grateful for the generous donations and eagerly await the drop-off each year.



Volunteer Barbara Lee distributed the handmade items to local nonprofits this year - pictured here at Hebron House of Hospitality.



Naomi Mayer, resident member of the *Crocheting & Knitting Group* volunteers her Three Pillars duplex to collect, sort, count, and package up the year's donations.

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Maryanne Wells, a member of the *Crocheting & Knitting Group*, commented, "I like to add a little color and warmth to the lives of the people who receive the donations."

If you're interested in supporting their work, donations of yarn are gladly accepted year-round to any main Three Pillars entrance. While they're grateful for any donation, the group prefers skeins of enough color to make a complete item in a 4-ply knitted worsted style.

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Three Pillars Senior Living Communities is a not-for-profit organization located in Dousman, WI and is sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity. Three Pillars Senior Living Communities takes pride in meeting the social, physical, and spiritual needs of older adults by providing high quality senior housing and services.

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