

We have new members in a few of our workshops!

A warm welcome and thank you for sewing for our babies!

\* We received \$1000 from Amicalola EMC and a \$200 donation from a member!

### The following is so important, please take time to read and think over it.

You have heard the phrase, Many Hands Make Light Work, and volunteering here you are part of that. There are a few positions that are behind the scenes that are truly so important we couldn't function without that help. A grant coordinator is one. They reach out to entities that are willing to donate money so we can stay in the volunteer business.

"I have the time, but I could never do what Carla does.", you might be saying to yourself. Granted, Carla Beasley does a fantastic job for us, but she is in a season where she needs to step back. She is willing to work with the new person (or persons if two or three of you could split duties) as a co-coordinator, so they are sure-footed by the time she has to bow out completely, at the end of 2024. Below are listed the steps she has been taking. The highlighted ones are ones that the new coordinator would be doing, Carla would do the rest. In a nutshell, you would find, reach out and let them know what Tiny Stitches does and what our need is. We appreciate all Carla has done and that she will walk alongside you for a year to get you up to speed.

If you would be willing to step in to help in this way, email or talk to Susan Brunton at sbrunton.emb@gmail.com.

### Here is what she has been doing:

- 1. Search online databases for new grantors and follow up on suggestions sent to me by other TS volunteers.
- 2. Send a Letter of Inquiry (LOI), also called a Query Letter, to the grantor. Sometimes this is an online form, sometimes it is by email.
- 3. Recently, an in-person meeting has been requested.
- 4. Upon receipt of a positive response, I fill out the necessary application. Sometimes this is all online, sometimes it is compiled manually and mailed. Applications can be anything from 1 page to a dozen pages. Each application must be tailored to the specific requirements of the foundation, which requires me to "tweak" or edit the basic documents and statistics that I have on-hand.
- 5. Submit online or by mail before the due date.

- 6. Answer any follow-up questions.
- 7. If we receive a grant, I send a personal thank-you note (again, based on similar letters but tailored to the organization).
- 8. If required, I fill out 6- or 12-month progress reports.

# **JUNE NEEDS**

Girl/Boy creepers
Girl afghans
Girl sleepers
Boy/Girl Lap-Front Shirts
Girl caps
Boy socks
Boy/Girl small totes

# **DISTRIBUTION**

**Year to Date**- 166 layettes/5813 items/ 0 burials **May**- 34 layettes/ 1100 items/0 burials

# **CALENDAR:**

May 31st, Wednesday 9:00 (back to summer hours)Pre-pack/Pack June 6th, Tuesday 10:15 Duluth Workshop

(No Business Meeting this month)

June 14, Wednesday 9:00 Workday at the Warehouse June 28th, Wednesday 9:00 (back to summer hours) Pre-pack/Pack

Pre-pack - 9:00 at Midgard Self-Storage/ 130 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Sugar Hill Business Meeting - 10:15 at Atlanta Sewing Center/ 1248 Duluth Hwy, Duluth