## Tiny Stitches Newsletter December 2016

## From the Business Meeting

Remember to use Amazon Smile when you shop. When you go to smile.amazon.com, and sign in, select tiny Stitches as your charity. We will then get a small portion of what you spend. It does not increase your cost.

Also, if you shop at Kroger, link your card to Tiny Stitches and we will get a contribution from them.

We discussed the grant from Jackson EMC Foundation and how we can account for their funds and show how the funds are used for recipients in their service area. The Board will work on this.

Pre-Pack will be Wednesday, Dec. 28 and the Business Meeting will be Jan. 2. While we appreciate this is the Holiday season, we need to keep on schedule for delivering the bags on time.

We will need to do some work in the warehouse in January. After some discussion, it was decided that we would do two work days. The first will be Wednesday, January 18, when we will consolidate the fabric in units 546 and 547. On Saturday, Jan.21, we will be cutting, sorting and moving fabric from unit 531 to thee other units. We still have some Garan fabric, the Carousel donation, and other smaller donations in 531. We hope we can recruit some males (husbands, sons, family, friends) to help with some of the heavy lifting.

We gave three sewing machines to the Refugee Sewing Society in Clarkston. They teach refugee women to sew various items and then to sell them on Etsy so they can have some income.

For December, we gave out 45 layettes (1,520 items), and no burials. For the year, we gave out 555 layettes (17,974 items) and 107 burials. Since 1999, we have given out 8160 layettes (292,695 items), and 1573 burials.

Susan got the new flannel on Black Friday. She ordered 3020 yards, and was able to pick up about half of it. It is in the warehouse. The rest will be in soon. She also bought Pound of Love yarn and Bernat baby yarn since it was priced at half off.

Karen will check to see if there are still baby panels available to order.

Susan will lend Mignon an old computer and Karen will train her so she can do the minutes and newsletter. She will update the email list and put the list on gmail. So the newsletter and notifications will be coming from tinystitches1999@gmail when she gets things set up.

We still need small tote bags.

Leon has received the application for our booth at Expo in March. He will send it in.

Susan expressed her gratitude for all that our volunteers do to make Tiny Stitches successful. We could not make it without you. She wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Hanukkah.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Pre-pack- Wednesday, November 30, 9:30 AM at Your Extra Attic, 130 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Sugar Hill.

Business meeting – Monday, December 5, 10:15 AM at Atlanta Sewing Center, 1248 Duluth Hwy., Duluth Warehouse Work Days – Wednesday, January 18, 2017 and Saturday, January 21, 2017, 9:30 AM, 130 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Sugar Hill.

## **Needs for the Month**

Gowns – Girls and Boys Sleepers – Boys Lap-front shirts Sleep sacks Quilts Small tote bags