



knitting4peace annual report 2019

Crafting hope, healing and peace, one stitch at a time.



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Staff members and participants at El Centro Humanitario in Denver, Colorado, celebrate with Knitting4Peace volunteers delivering hundreds of items.



Members of the Elmira New York Peace Pod show off items they made for Knitting4Peace.

our unique programs and services: making and giving



Children awaiting eyes exams and surgery in Peru receive Peace Pals.



In Durham, North Carolina, Families Moving Forward's staff member receives hats, mittens, and baby blankets.



Charleston, South Carolina, Peace Pod members thoroughly enjoy making Peace Pals.



Members of the Denver School of the Arts Peace Pod in Colorado are proud to make warm scarves.



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introduction

Our mission is to create and deliver requested hand-crafted items that offer hope, healing, comfort, and support. Our recipients are marginalized or vulnerable people in our own neighborhoods, as well as individuals in global areas of conflict or suffering.

For us, 2019 was a year of steady achievements, resilience, change, and continued dedication to our founding principles.

Hundreds of volunteers across the US and Canada and a small part-time staff at our office in Denver, Colorado, carry forward our programs and services with creativity, care, and generosity.

2019 delivery highlights

22,636 items delivered
to **25** countries

5615 internationally
17,021 U.S. Community Purls **10,847** in Colorado

average per month **1886**

expanded services

We expanded our US Community Purls partnerships with organizations serving individuals and families at risk of deportation and children in immigration centers. We increased our international deliveries to families in refugee camps in Greece, who have fled their homes in many countries due to wars and other violence.



A child in a migrant camp in Greece receives comfort through a Peace Pal.

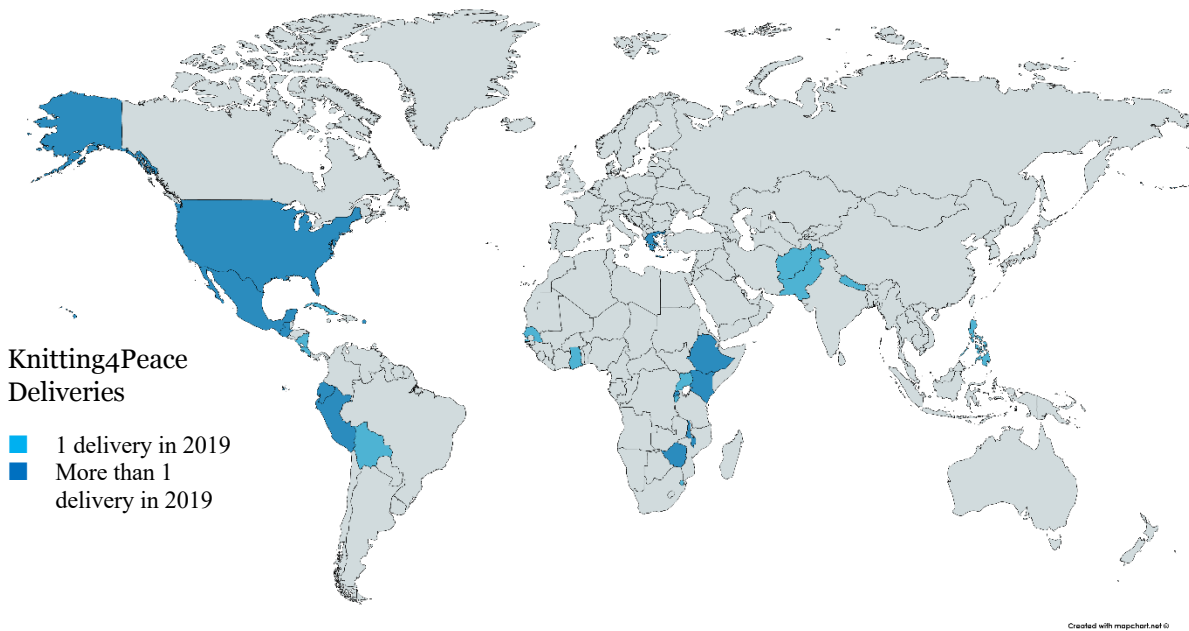
“You can imagine that children who have fled with their families, unable to take much with them, will be happy and comforted to receive a doll. It will help them to feel loved and know that someone cares about them and their difficulties. Many thanks to you and all who share their time and energy to lovingly knit dolls and other beautiful items.”

- Jacquelyn Friberg
Father's Heart
North Quincy, Massachusetts



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Knitting4Peace deliveries in 25 countries.

In 2019, Knitting4Peace made 46 deliveries beyond the 50 United States.

Afghanistan	Ecuador (3)	Guatemala (6)	Nicaragua	Rwanda (2)
Bolivia	Eswatini	Kenya (4)	Pakistan	Senegal
Burundi	Ethiopia (2)	Malawi (2)	Philippines*	South Africa
Costa Rica	Ghana	Mexico (4)	Peru (2)	Uganda
Cuba	Greece (3)	Nepal	Puerto Rico (2)	Zimbabwe

**New country for delivery in 2019*

people served since our founding

174,815 people served
in **81** countries

83,348 internationally

91,467 *U.S. Community Purls*

181,560 items created

2006 – 2019



Students at the Shram Rastriva School model their new Knitting4Peace scarves in Kathmandu, Nepal.



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items delivered in 2019

Peace Pals: 4967
Scarves: 3748
Washcloths: 3274
Youth Hats: 2411
Adult Hats: 2110
Infant Hats: 1610
Baby Blankets: 1255
Mittens: 655
Bibs: 631
Quilted Sleeping Mats: 411
Baby Booties: 346
Shawls: 270
Premie Hats: 167
Large Blankets: 46
Miscellaneous: 735

Total: 22,636



A girl in Cuba shows her joy upon receiving a Peace Pal.



Peace Pals made by the Smithfield United Church of Christ Peace Pod in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, delight children in Burundi.



Recipients enjoy some of the 170 quilted sleeping mats delivered by Knitting4Peace to Eswatini (formerly Swaziland).

each item benefits many

Every Knitting4Peace item benefits many people. A Peace Pal given to a child awaiting surgery or cancer treatment comforts that child, as well as her parents, other family members, and the medical staff. A well-made baby blanket, hat, scarf, pair of mittens, shawl, sleeping mat, bib, booties, or washcloth may be shared among and handed down to other family members. The people making and delivering each item also benefit by engaging their creativity and being of service to others.

Our items bring durable, practical, and spiritual comfort, warmth, and support.



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foundations

- **The Power of Three:** this involves incorporating some element of **3** in all items made for Knitting4Peace—representing the person making the item, the person receiving it, and the spirit of life which unites us all. The power of three also symbolizes the urgent need for people in the Abrahamic faith traditions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) to combine efforts for global peace.
- **The power of volunteer action:** the majority of Knitting4Peace's achievements are due to volunteers' dedicated efforts to make and deliver all items.
- **Peace Pods:** organized groups meet in the US and Canada to make and donate Knitting4Peace items.
- **Mutual benefits:** our work provides benefits to both the people making items and to those receiving them.
- **Careful listening:** we strive to serve the needs of vulnerable and marginalized people. Items delivered are specifically requested by the people with whom we partner.

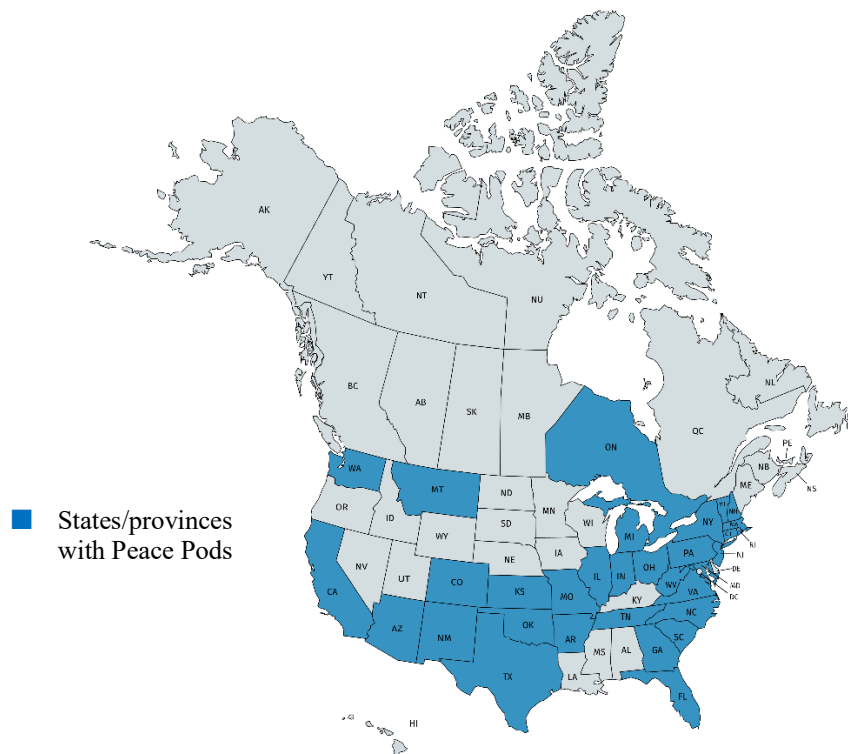


The Emily Griffith Technical College in Denver, Colorado, serves 1400 students, from 86 countries, who speak 66 languages. Your donations to Knitting4Peace reach people from around the world.

peace pods

There were 126 Peace Pods in 2019.

Arizona	Kansas	New York (24)	South Carolina
Arkansas (2)	Maryland (6)	North Carolina	Tennessee
California (4)	Massachusetts (3)	Ohio (7)	Texas (3)
Colorado (17)	Michigan (3)	New York (24)	Vermont
Connecticut	Missouri (3)	North Carolina	Virginia (5)
Florida (5)	Montana (2)	Ohio (7)	Washington
Georgia	New Hampshire (2)	Oklahoma	West Virginia
Illinois (5)	New Jersey (3)	Pennsylvania (14)	Ontario, CAN (3)
Indiana (2)	New Mexico	Rhode Island	



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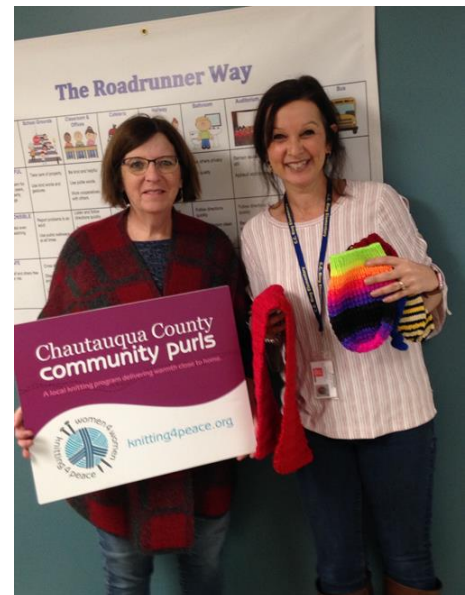
volunteers

Dedicated volunteers are the heart and soul of Knitting4Peace. All supporters who make items; all members and coordinators of Peace Pods; delivery agents and delivery drivers; members of our Board of Directors and committees; people who open packages and sort and count items; people who carefully repair items to make them usable; and those who help with other tasks in our offices are ALL generous and vital volunteers!

We can't total all the hours that go into each of these tasks on a yearly basis, but each item made, inventoried, and delivered takes many hours of caring work, by many hands.

2019 volunteers—including Denver office intake, deliveries, planning and staffing for our November 2 **Craftivism** event, and assistance from Denver School of the Arts high schoolers—gave a total of 430 hours of their time to support our work.

K4P volunteers receive many benefits; among them are a sense of fellowship with others making or delivering items, being of service, and pooling efforts to make a large impact in reducing suffering and providing comfort—in the US and around the world.



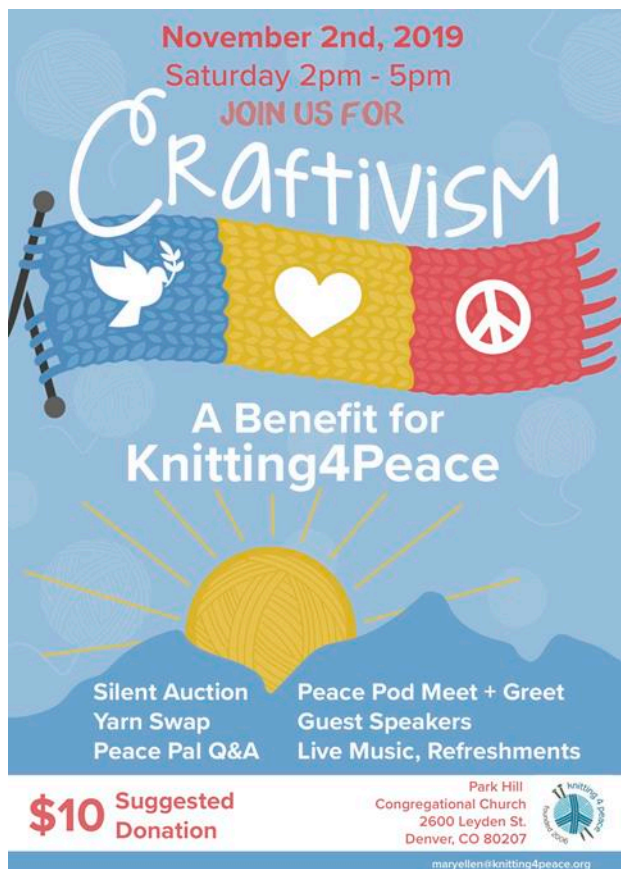
Chautauqua County, New York, Community Purls Coordinator Sue Cala assists in delivering many warm items.

annual income and expenses

Sources of financial support:

- Individual donations: our primary financial support.
 - Donors give online through our website, via Facebook, through Colorado Gives, and by checks or cash by mail.
- Donations from Peace Pods.
- Grants from faith communities.
- Merchandise: we have tote bags, Peace Pal kits, greeting cards, donation “in honor of” cards, t-shirts, and hooded sweatshirts.
- Special event: we held a successful fundraising and community-building event, **Craftivism**, on November 2, 2019.

Our deepest gratitude to every 2019 donor!



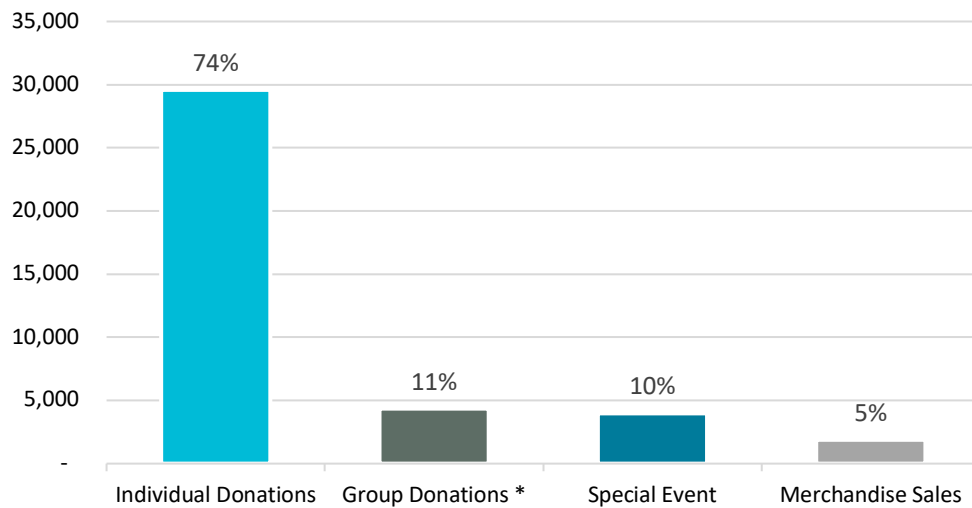


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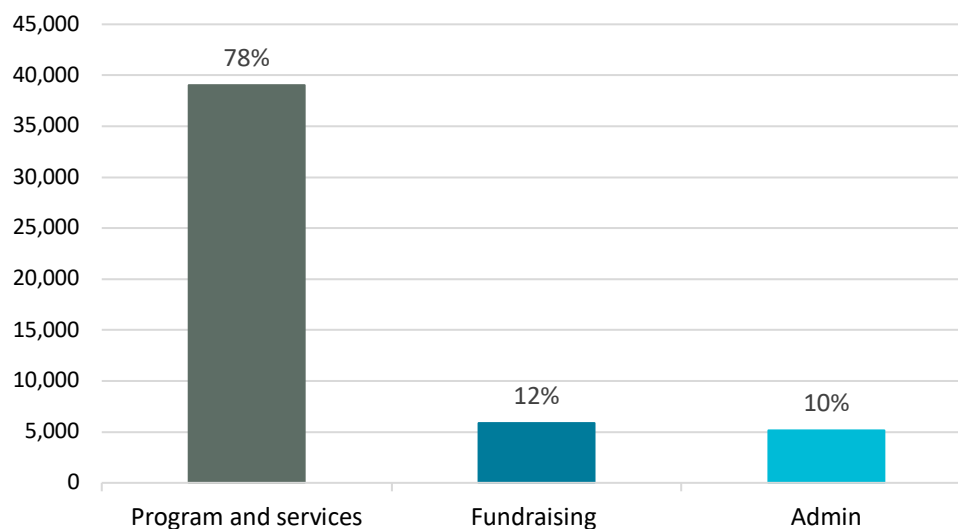
annual income and expenses, by category

Income by Source



* Group Donations include Peace Pods, Yarn Shops, and Faith Groups

Expenses by Category

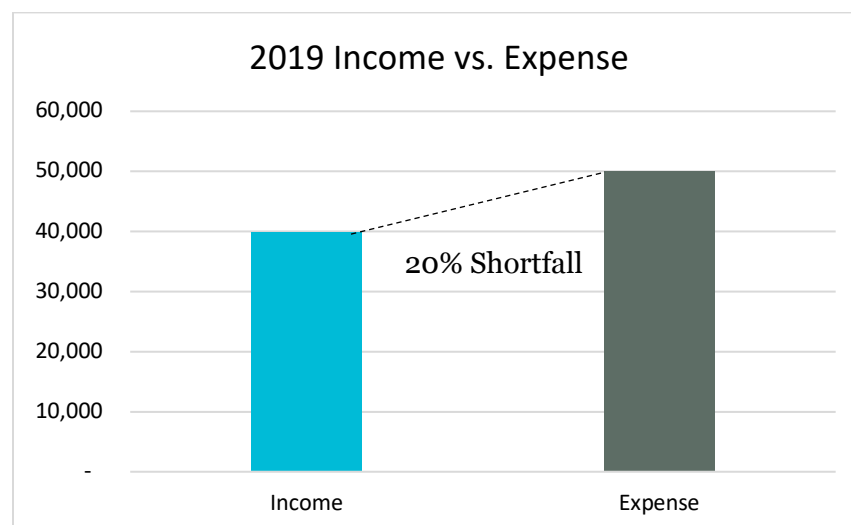


detail of costs

Knitting4Peace operates with great efficiency, keeping expenses to a minimum. Our costs include:

- **Program costs:** staff time and support of volunteers' work to get your handmade items to good homes. Includes sorting, counting, repairing, bagging items; storage; shipping and delivery; inventory data management; communications (newsletter, website, social media); relationship-building with recipient partner organizations; program oversight; and quality control.
- **Administrative costs:** support to Board of Directors (agendas, reports), banking, payroll services, and tax reports.
- **Fundraising costs:** annual appeal letter, special event costs, donor relationships, grant applications, and reports.

2019 expenses exceeded income by \$10,236.60.



Knitting4Peace Board members and staff are working diligently to expand a sustainable base of financial support for our organization. Donations from individuals are our main source of financial support.



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donors

\$5,000+

Cynda Collins Arsenault

\$2,500-4,999

Rev. Lisa L. Schrader, ThM

\$1,000-2,499

1st Plymouth Congregational Church, Englewood, CO

Yarn Culture, LLC, Fairport, NY

Anonymous

Carolyn Balmer

Mary Sue Ittner

Linda Siderius

\$500-999

Amherst Community Church,
Snyder NY

First Unitarian Society,
Denver CO

McMaster-Carr (matching donation),
Elmhurst IL

Mountain View Peace Pod,
Aurora CO

Perinton Presbyterian Church,
Fairport NY

Anonymous (3)

Arna Caplan

Julie Meyers and David Keller

Annette Orella

Kathryn Smith

Warren and Shirley Thomas

\$250-499

Pat Bixby
Susanne Bryan
Kathleen Bush
Harriet “Babbie” Cameron
Marjorie Flathers
Lynn Friesen
Mary Jo Hansen
Kathleen Harrison
Grace Karschner

Pam Leder
Carolyn Maddox
*Leah McFail
Sr. Donna Maria Moses
Peggy Newell
Carolyn Valdez
Claire Wilcox
*Sandra Wulf
**monthly donor*

\$100-249

1st Congregational Church of
Milton, Quincy MA

Christ Lutheran Church,
Highlands Ranch CO

Epworth UMC, Marion OH

Iowa Elementary School,
Aurora CO

Longmont CO Peace Pod

Northminster Presbyterian
Peace Pod, Kansas City MO

Wheatfield NY Peace Pod

Women’s Evening Membership,
Haddon Fortnightly,
Cherry Hill NJ

Ingrid Anderson
Alice Applebaum
Ann Baker Easley
Harvey and Jacqueline Bolshoun
Mary Bryant
Nancy Cable
Chandler-Shreve Family
Holly Chapman
Ann Cuthbertson
Darlene Danyo
Linda Deebel
Margaret DeLany
Betsy Disharoon
Barbara Ditto
Honnor Dorsey
Ann Baker Easley
Susan Falbo
Lee Fisher
Nancy Gilliam
Carole Green
Beverly Goundard-Spry
JoAnne Davis Harding
Pam Hennessey
Linda Hollingsed
Lois Ingham
Constance Johnson
Sherryll Kraizer
Louise Lindenmeyr

Margaret Lowell
Pit Lucking
J. Mahler
S. Judy McCullough
Nancy McLeod
Nicole Mench
Jacquie Mitchell
Stephanie Nelson
Nancy Okstein
Barbara Olander
Abby Joan Pariser
Jessie Purcell
Paula Read
Donna Reed
Diane Reynolds
Joan Richardson
Robin Rick
Carol Ries
*Sharyl Ritschel
Kristin Rozansky
Patricia Sanders
Sharon Scott
Elaine Sloan
Elizabeth Spiegelberg
Rev. Jane Vennard
Sue Wofford
Karen Woods
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donors, continued

\$5-99

1st Presbyterian Peace Pod,
Elmira NY

Community First Foundation,
Denver CO

Hamburg NY Peace Pod

Merck Company Foundation,
(matching donation),
Whitehouse Station NJ

Network for Good, Washington DC

New Dawn Peace Pod, Aurora CO

Springfield MO, Peace Pod #1

Springfield, MO Peace Pod

Upper Susquehanna Quarterly
Meeting, Danville PA



Items await shipment and delivery.

Anonymous (2)
Kate Alonzon
Angela Bakas
Katherine Bakas
Barbara Begian
Janet Bendall
Diane Bernier
Diana Biordi
Heidi Bird
Victoria Baldwin-Bauer
Jean Black
Cindy Braden
Beverly Bravo
Natalie Brooks
Kelly Brown
Kristyn Brown
Rebecca Brown
Mary Lou Bruns
Charles and Mary Ann Buettner
Kasan Carla Callahan
Myra Caplan
Sarah Clark
Rebecca Cole-Turner
Bonnie Collins
Gilbert Cooper
Sandra Correu
John P. Coyne
Irene Clurman
Chris Craigurile
Jessica Danyo
Ella Davis
Bonnie Dedo
Arran Dolan
Brooke and Eric Durland
Corrie Ehler
Diane Elias
Jessica Engels
Jeanne Esler
Charlotte Fowler
Josephine Franzen
Jacquelyn Friberg
Trudy Fricks
Richard Friesen
Mary Ellen and Paul Garrett
Alana Gayle
Beth Gemeinhart

Carolyn Giambra
Sarah Giffen
Barbara Gingrich
Sue Ann Glusenkamp
Kate Goodspeed
Timothy and Mary Gorman
Ellen Gotelli
Annette Greer
Mary Gutelius
Lisa Haddox
Mary McClure Hanna
Douglas Harris and Carol McVetty
Joylynn Harris
Therese Harroun
Anita Hawkins
Carol Heltenberg
Annette and Don Hoeber
Virginia Hoffman
Patricia Holmstrom
Sally Hoople
Meredith and Tom Houghton
Maxine Hovencamp
Mary Jackson
Sandra Jacobson
Marie James
Cindy Johnson
Kathy Wolf Johnson
Barb Kamlet
Mary Karuzas
Marilyn Kelly
Debra Kennedy
Barbara Kizis
Gilbert Kooper
Sheila Kowal
Toni Kring
Susan Lacoste
Jan Lahlum
Hope Law
Bill Lawton
Sherry Leach
Megan Leder
Joan Lee
Bernice Leonard
Stephen Levin
Elizabeth Lingg
Mary Malpezzi

\$5-99

Kelly Marciales
Kathleen Marsh
Rachel Masden
Susan Mashman
Kathleen Massie
Barbara Matthews
Joan McArdle
Karrie McBryde
Zoe McCafferty
Eileen McCarron
Mary Ann McCormick
Hanna McDermott
Amy Meyer McHose
Joan McInness
Rev. Carol McVetty
Margaret Miller-Gertner
Lillian Myers
Sandra Myers
Paul Nockleby
Maryann O'Brien
Sarah Ollerton
Donna Palmer
Gail Parker
Andrea Pearlman
Cynda Peralta Ramos
Rita Perez
Channie Peters
Janice Peters
Dorothy Peticolas

Elizabeth Pexton
Elaine Phillips
Sue Pinkerton
Alby Quinlan
Ellen Reath
Patricia Remer
Diane Reynolds
Kay (Barbara) Rhinebeck
Carrie Richardson
Larry Ricketts
Jillian Robinson
Laurel Ryan
Patricia Ryan
Allison Salisbury
Anita Sanborn
Heather Sankey
Carol Sarche
Ann Sarg
Janet Schutte
Linda Shaffer
Margaret Shepherd
Lynn Simpson
Helen Slagel
Esther Smail
Billie Smith
Nancy Smith
Denise Spanjer
Carol Spensley

Barbara Stainman
Ruth Steiner
Linda Stenz
Mary Alice Stoltzfus
Judith Stroup
Frank and Mary Tagge
Anne Theobold
Rev. Louise Thibodaux
Gail Thompson
Carol S. Toffoli
Julie Tolleson
Marjorie Tritto
S.A. Trost
Karen Truesdell
R. Cole Turner
Anne Wait
Janet Walker
Sheila Wallace
Betty Wartik
Victoria Waterbury
Katie Wieder
Tammy Williamson
Karen Winter
Karin Wolf
Karen Woods
Leslie Yelland
Grace Yenne
JoLynn and Gerald Yenne



Intake volunteers Joanie Walker, Julie Meyers, and Ingrid Anderson sort and count donated items.



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donors, continued

In-Kind donors for our Craftivism Event

Delanie Holton, Craftsman & Apprentice: \$15

Kristin Rozansky: \$15

Ester's on Oneida: \$20

Arna Caplan: \$35

Susie Jelinek, Custom Decorated Cookies: \$35

Karen Mason, Mason Design: \$38

Glenda Baker, Piney Creek Yarn: \$40

Jennifer Jelinek, Fine Art: \$40

Carolyn Midland Valdez, Yoga: \$40

Kiln Coffee, Grand Junction CO: \$45

John D'Onofrio, Stargazer Fine Chocolates and Coffee: \$50

Jeremy Shaver and David Claypool: Beeswax and Honey Gift Basket: \$50

Barb Stainman: \$50

Leslie Yelland: \$50

Blueprint (formerly Craftsy): \$60

Alice Applebaum: \$75

Robin Wilkerson: \$75

Cindy Braden: \$95

Teresa Berryman, Fine Art: \$100

Melissa Leder, Core Power Yoga: \$100

Kristi Williams Photography: \$100

Darlene Danyo and Christ Lutheran Church Mission Quilters: \$117

Anne Weil, Books, Yarn and Kits: \$130

Pablo's Coffee: \$135

Peg Meagher, Art by Peg: \$175

Anonymous: \$785



At November 2's Craftivism event, guest speaker Cristina del Hoyo, Guatemala Project Specialist, Center for Global Health, University of Colorado School of Public Health expresses gratitude on behalf of all the Guatemalan families who receive Knitting4Peace items.

2019 knitting4peace staff

Executive Director (January-August): Kathleen Marsh

Administrative Manager: Tammy Williamson

Administrative Assistant (January-April): Kelly Young

Deliveries and Shipments Coordinator: Mary Ellen Garrett

Interim Executive Director (September-December): Mary Ellen Garrett

2019 board of directors

Arna Caplan, Board Chair (January)

Susanne Bryan, Co-Chair (February-August)

Julie Meyers, Co-Chair (February-August), Board Chair (September-December)

Darlene Danyo, Treasurer (June-December)

Angela Bakas

Pam Leder

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