



knitting4peace annual report 2021

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

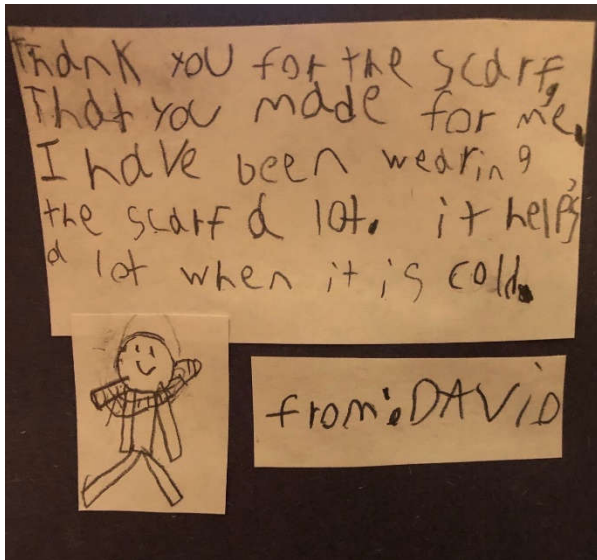


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Peace Pals with Hijab are ready for delivery to Saudi Arabia.



A student in Aurora CO shares his gratitude.



Children and families receive hats and Peace Pals in Kenya.

our mission

Create and deliver handcrafted items to adults and children worldwide.

our vision

Everyone lives in hope, comfort, and peace.

"We appreciate your mission and are glad these items will be used around the world. Thank you!"

*– Linda Eichengreen and Village Hill Knitters,
Northampton MA*



overview

With your generous and creative help, we:

- Supported over 15,570 people in 10 countries with warm handmade items.
- Celebrated our 15th Anniversary, with awards and guest speakers including our founder, Rev. Susan McKee, at a fun online Gala!
- Added new members to our Board of Directors and committees, working steadily to increase diverse professional and social experience in our organization.
- Reached milestones of service: 200,000 + people served and items received since our founding in 2006!
- Gathered in three lively online events to connect and support our nationwide network.
- Launched our YouTube channel to showcase events and offer crafting tutorials.
- Expanded the variety of items we make and deliver in response to community needs.
- Met our fundraising goals and expanded our financial sustainability.

All while navigating year two of the pandemic!

We reached 200,000+ people served!

Each year, Knitting4Peace brings handmade items to people across the world, offering much needed warmth and comfort. Thanks to everyone who made and delivered handcrafted items in 2021 and for your generous financial support. You're making a difference, one stitch at a time!

Warm best wishes,

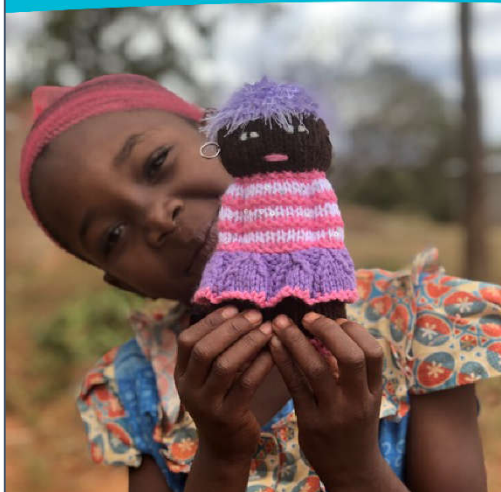
Mary Ellen Garrett
Executive Director





200,000 items delivered!

June 2006 - November 2021



blankets sleeping mats

Peace Pals hats

washcloths

mittens
scarves

baby bibs

booties

shawls



*"Thank you to Knitting4Peace for stopping by our Edgewater affordable living community and for donating 90 blankets, scarves and hats for our residents to use! **We're glad you decided to donate your 200,000th item to us.** Your donations will help keep our residents warm this winter!"*

– Brothers' Redevelopment, Edgewater, Colorado



deliveries

knitting4peace in 2021



What a year!

184 deliveries

15,570 people served

16 ^{13,464 items to} U.S. states

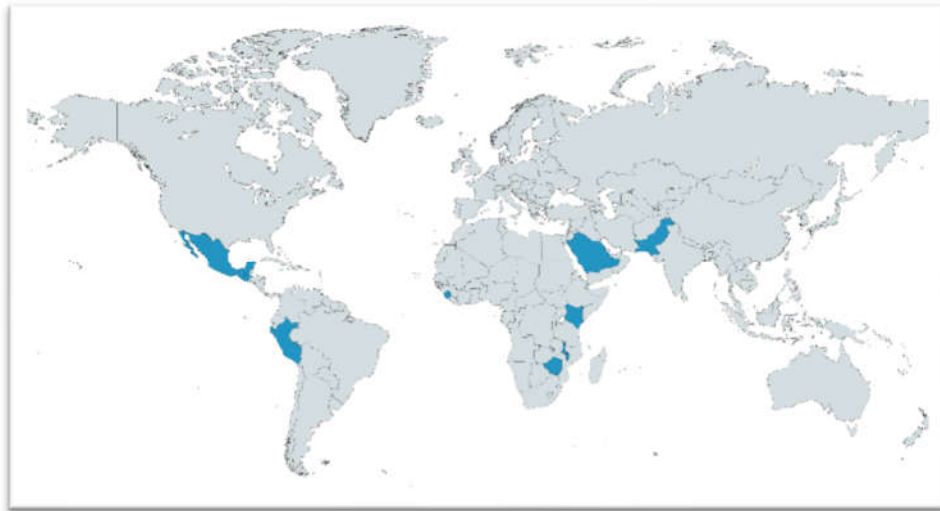
9 ^{other 2,106 items to} countries

We comfort people near and far.



“Thank you for all the good work you continue to do, and you allow us to do.”

*– Marie-Elisabeth Clark and St. Didacus Peace Pod,
San Diego CA*



Knitting4Peace deliveries in 9 countries.

17 international deliveries, in 9 countries, serving 2,106 people.

Guatemala

Mexico

Saudi Arabia

Kenya (4)

Pakistan (2)

Sierra Leone

Malawi (3)

Peru

Zimbabwe (3)



One of four deliveries to Kenya in 2021.





items delivered

Peace Pals: 3,178
Adult Hats: 2,353
Scarves: 2,326
Youth Hats: 2,030
Mittens: 1,226
Baby Blankets: 1,045
Baby Hats: 1,021
Washcloths: 967
Baby Booties: 231
Preemie Hats: 234
Baby Bibs: 209
Shawls: 207
Quilted Sleeping Mats: 121
Preemie Hats: 95
Large Blankets: 12
Miscellaneous: 546

Total: 15,570

We added and delivered two new items in response to community partners' requests: Peace Pals with Hijab and Finger Puppets.



Peace Pals with Hijab.



Joanie Walker, Interfaith Peace Pod, shows off her Finger Puppets.

peace pods

There were 135 Peace Pods in 2021.

Arizona	Indiana (3)	New Jersey (3)	South Carolina
Arkansas (2)	Kansas	New Mexico	Tennessee
California (5)	Maryland (6)	New York (24)	Texas (4)
Colorado (21)	Massachusetts (4)	North Carolina	Vermont
Connecticut	Michigan (3)	Ohio (7)	Virginia (5)
Florida (5)	Missouri (2)	Oklahoma	Washington
Georgia	Montana (2)	Pennsylvania (15)	West Virginia
Illinois (5)	New Hampshire (2)	Rhode Island	Ontario, CAN (3)
	Ravelry (<i>online</i>)		

Welcome to the new Peace Pods formed in 2021:

Bloomington, Indiana
KnitWits, Denver CO
Serenity Stitchers, Lakewood CO
Fancy Tiger, Denver CO

Welcome also to these Peace Pods formed in 2020:*

Albuquerque, NM
Broomfield, CO
Phoenix, AZ

** not listed in our 2020 Annual Report.*



Nora Oerhle with the Serenity Stitchers Peace Pod drops off some items.



annual income and expenses

Individual donations continue to be our largest source of support. We more than doubled the *Show of Hands* monthly donor program, with a very generous incentive gift of \$100 from the Schrader Family Fund for each new monthly donor who joined in 2021.

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We launched a new line of clothing merchandise through the online vendor Bonfire. Bonfire handles the shipping, and there's no up-front cost to us. Our first item, launched in November, met with a hearty response.

Sources of financial support:

- Individuals
- Peace Pods
- Faith Communities
- Merchandise:
 - Tote bags
 - Peace Pal kits
 - Greeting cards
 - Clothing
- Events:
 - Show Us Some Love, February
 - A Stitch in Time: 15th Anniversary Gala, June
 - Zen and the Art of Stitching: Craftivism and Wellness, September



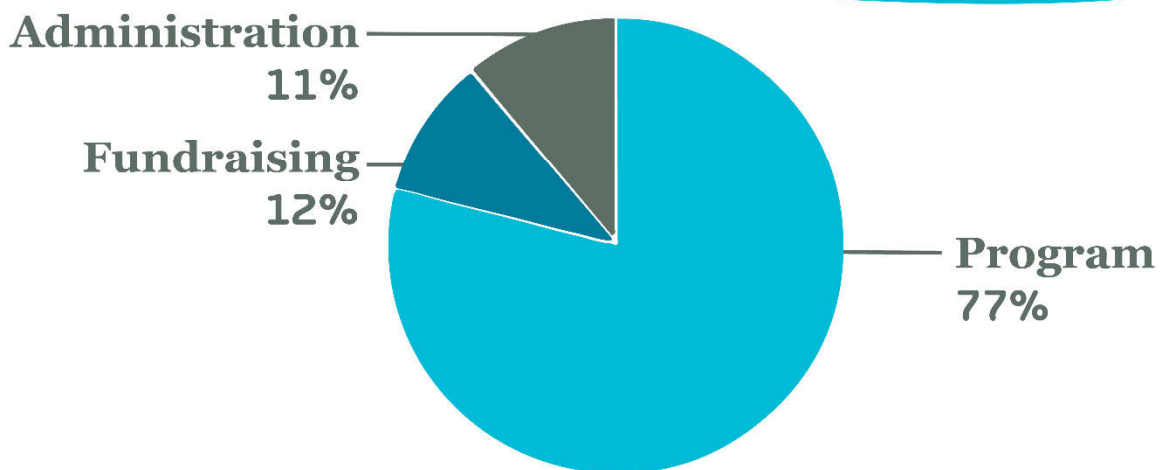
“K4P is truly such a special organization, and really helps those giving as much as those receiving!”

– Dorothy Peticolas, Denver CO

2021 sources of income

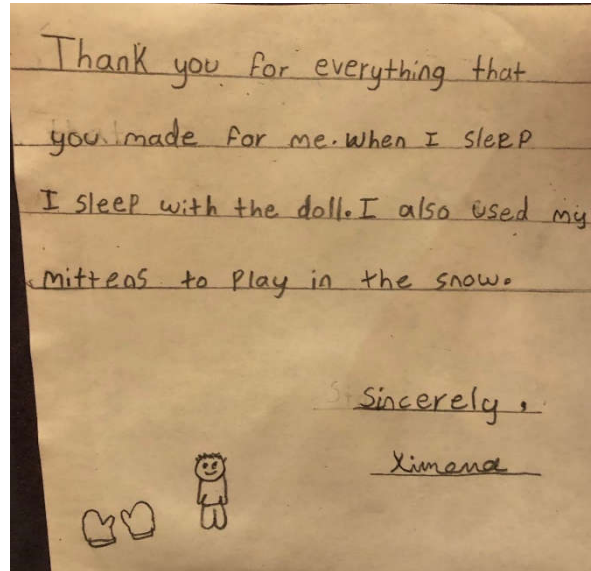
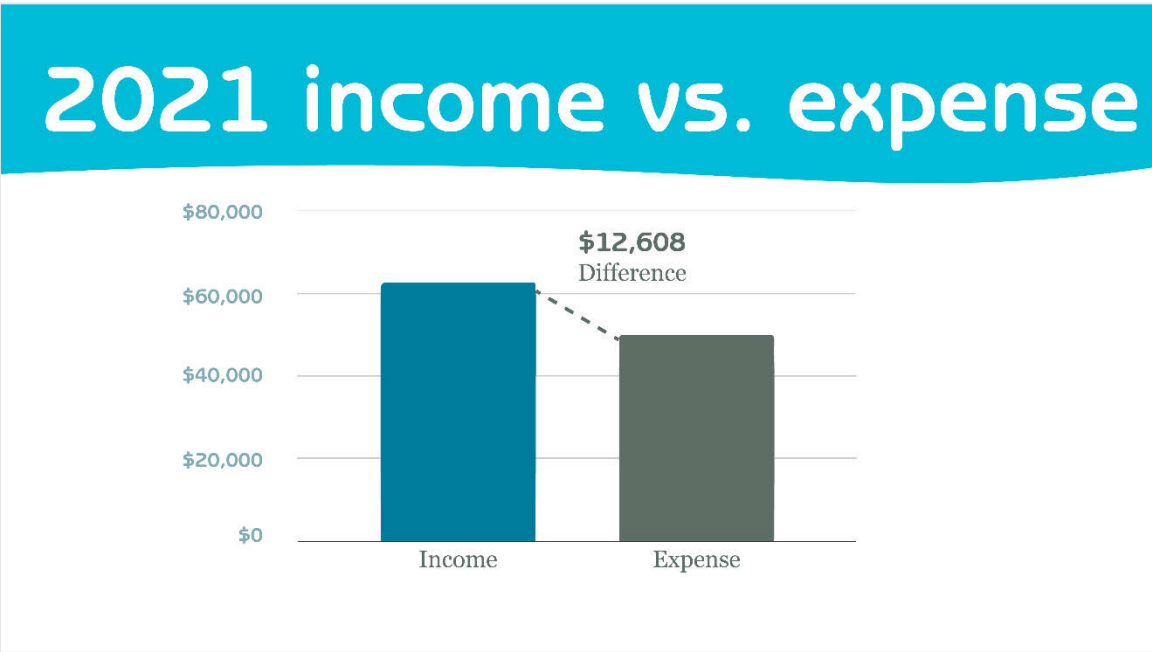


2021 expenses





annual income and expenses, continued



Students at Vaughn Elementary in Aurora CO are thankful for a delivery of hats, scarves, mittens and Peace Pals.



This Peace Pal will be delivered to a child in Sonora, Mexico.

*"I just want to let you know that the prayer shawl (from Knitting4Peace) that Elizabeth and the Denver Health Chaplains gave me when my brother died in August is a great comfort. I put it on every morning while I pray. **It feels like God is hugging me.** It is very beautiful, and I feel very blessed to have it. You do a great ministry. Peace and God bless!"*

– Sue Gomez, Denver CO



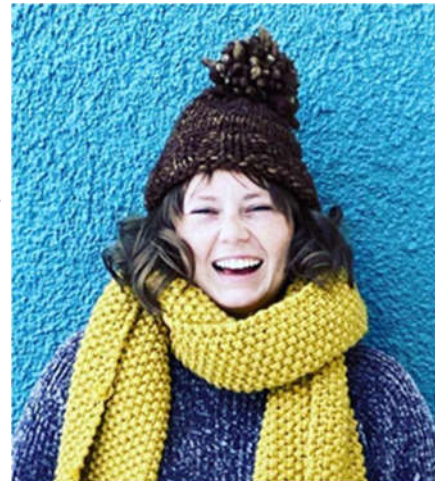
2021 knitting4peace staff, board, and committees

Staff



Mary Ellen Garrett, Executive Director

Marissa Isch, Administrative Assistant and Deliveries and Shipments Coordinator



Clockwise from top: Marissa Isch, Maddie Kremer, and Amener Williams are all new to K4P in 2021.

Board of Directors

Angela Bakas

Susanne Bryan (through February)

Darlene Danyo, Treasurer and Secretary

Maddie Kremer (joined in June)

Pam Leder

Julie Meyers

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Amener Williams (joined in May)



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Girls in Pakistan are all smiles with their new Peace Pals with Hijab.



Mattie Haney's NICU baby is comfortable on this adorable quilt from Knitting4Peace, Denver CO.



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2021

donors

\$5,000+

Schrader Family Fund, Rev. Lisa and Randy Schrader
Cynda Collins Arsenault

\$1,000-2,499

Green Heron Fund, Community Foundation of Collier County FL
Carolyn Balmer
Kathleen Bush
Mary Ellen Garrett
Pam Leder
Julie Meyers and David Keller
Larry Ricketts
Linda Siderius
Rev. Kathryn B. Smith

“We all cherish the opportunity to have a part in this pastoral ministry as we share what we have created with others.”

– Rev. Katy Smith, St. Martin’s in the Pines Knitting Group, Birmingham AL

\$500-999

First Unitarian Society of Denver CO
Louden Family Foundation,
Becka Louden
Perinton Presbyterian Church,
Fairport NY
Sansone-Meyers Family Fund
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Anonymous
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\$250-499

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Carrie Richardson

Joan Richardson

Kristen Rozansky

Pat and Sharon Scott

Billie Smith

Claire and Allen Wilcox

Sandra Wulf

Leslie Yelland

**monthly donor*

“We are grateful for all of the work that you do for the people of the world in these precarious times and are truly blessed to be a part of it.”

*– Susan Weaver, Sacred Stitches Peace Pod,
Elmira Presbyterian Church, Elmira NY*



donors, continued

\$100-249

Augustana Lutheran Peace Pod, Denver CO, Sue Ann Glusenkamp	Anonymous (7) Marc and Gretchen Alston Alice and Marc Applebaum Katherine Bakas <i>Linda Biscoe</i> <i>Lois Camphausen</i>	Amy Koch S.M. (Suzanne) Lansang Doris Larson Carol and Allen Lewandowski Tracy Logan Carolyn Maddox Janet Mahler Eloise May and Jack Unruh Deborah L. McCloud Joan Monk <i>Kim Moultney</i>
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Presbyterian Women First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka IN, Maryann Dentino		
Ravelry Peace Pod, Worldwide, Kim Harris		
Saturday Knitting Group, Denver CO, Linda Siderius		
Smithfield Women's Fellowship, Pittsburgh PA, Ruth Keating and Ruth Brauchler		

\$5-99

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Joan Levy
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**monthly donor*

"To be perfectly frank, knitting for this beautiful organization has really gotten me through the pandemic and all the depressing things that have come from it. I knit every day, and this gives me a purpose for my craft. I love doing it. Thank you for all you do. We truly do have such an amazing community!" –Heidi Bird, Falconer, NY



donors, continued

\$5-99

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Debbie MacGilvray
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From left: Lillian Malkus, CT; Palaua Sparacino and Nora Oehrle, Serenity Stitchers, CO; Linda Houseman, NC.



*"The blankets, booties and hats are such a wonderful addition to our orientation boxes. They're always **beautiful, colorful and warm**. Our participants always express how having something handmade is so valuable and meaningful. We're incredibly grateful for this partnership and to be able to get these beautiful items into the community!"*

– Guilia Chioetto, Project Coordinator, MotherWise Colorado, University of Denver, September 2021

"We are so grateful to you for your support and care and love including these beautiful and lovingly made items in our baby bags, Parent Care Bags, and newborn kits. Thank you as well for taking such care in making sure everything is so well cared for i.e.: your last touched dates, etc. With so many children who are immunocompromised, this means so much to us and to our sweet families."

– Jordan Sullivan, Volunteer Coordinator, There with Care Colorado, August 2021

"Thank you for this wonderful ministry and for allowing us all the privilege of sharing in this holy work."

– Rev. Katy Smith and St. Martin's in the Pines Knitting Group, Birmingham AL



Mother and child enjoy their new Peace Pal with Hijab, in Pakistan.