

# The Thread

January 2024

*“Stitching our community together, one thread at a time!”*

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Happy New Year, Everyone!

I am amazed at how quickly Community Threads has grown from the original 11 to over 100 receiving our newsletter, in just one year!

I have been crocheting, off and on, for over 35 years. As you know, we can each of us make so many things for family and friends. I love to crochet. I want to make things for people to use. Community Threads has allowed me to do that, with so many amazing women!

I have delivered items to nursing homes and surgical centers. They are always so very appreciative of all that we, together as a Community, make for their people.

Let's make 2024 an even more amazing year than 2023!

Linda Foldvik, Treasurer



## Our Mission Statement:

*Our mission is to serve the community by providing items of warmth, comfort and dignity, hand-crafted by our volunteers, and clothing donated by our neighbors.*



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## Community Spotlight



This month our spotlight is on our **amazing members!**

We want to acknowledge each of you for your contribution to our efforts to help those in our community.

As you can see by the numbers below, since we started in Nov 2022, we have delivered 11,565 items.

Yes, that is an AMAZING number, however, let's see how many lives that means we have touched.

Each item made touches the following:



## New Members

We are always open to new members!  
 Invite your friends and family to join us for  
 our meetings and workshops!



- The person who made the item (they feel good that it will help someone)
- The members at the meeting are amazed at all of the beautiful items turned in (typically 10-20 in attendance)
- The person who delivers the bag of items to a facility feels good about being able to deliver them
- The person(s) receiving the bag of items is grateful to receive the items we are providing
- The final recipient is often amazed how someone they do not know will help them by providing items
- Family members (if there are any) are thrilled to see the items
- Typically, it is the activity director of a facility passing out the items and they are amazed at what we do.

On average this means each item handcrafted or each clothing article donated touches ten lives. That means that in **just over one year** Community Threads has touched **115,650 lives!**

**Thank you** for all you do to continue our mission of serving our community.

Stitch Count	Last Month's #s	Grand Total since 11/22
Handcrafted Items	176	5305
From the Closet	Last Month's #s	Grand Total since 11/22
Clothes	101	6260
	Since our start 11/22	Grand Combined Total
		11,565

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## January Birthdays

- Sheri Goodreau
- Pam Greswolde
- Faye Porter
- Aubrey Quasney
- Evelyn Rike
- Linda Robertson
- Judy Shackelford
- Julie Schier
- Kelli Slunt
- Kathy Weaver
- Gladys Yost



Did we miss your birthday? If this is your birth month and you don't see your name listed here, please let us know! We don't want to miss saying Happy Birthday to anyone, so in case we did,  
**Happy Belated Birthday to You!**

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## Community Threads Clothes Closet!

We collect and distribute both women's and men's adult clothing in all sizes. These items are donated to local assisted living/nursing homes and to others in need throughout our community.

And now that the colder weather is upon us, please note that:

**Winter coats of ALL sizes  
(both adult & children's) are needed!**

If you know of anyone in need, please let us know. We will do our best to help!

## Current Requests

- **Lap and large blankets**
- **Wheelchair totes** (for back & side)
- **Baby items** (especially blankets & hats)
- **Ladies button shirts** (for dignity bibs)
- **Ladies size small tops and elastic-waisted pants**
- **Men's medium and large sweatshirts and sweatpants**

Why are these items needed? Several reasons, really. Some of the items we provide are seasonal, meaning an upcoming need can be anticipated and planned for — think hats and scarves for cooler weather. A location may have put in a special request for a specific item — patriotic blankets fall into this category. But the most common reason is that *the demand for these items exceeds our ability to meet that demand*, meaning that some recipients must wait to get their needed items.

We have materials & patterns available if needed (see below for links to some easy blanket patterns). As always, we encourage you make ANYTHING you like to make, and we will find a good home for it!

## Upcoming & Ongoing Needs

- **Blankets** – lap/large and baby
  - **Dialysis mitts** (fingerless gloves)
  - **Shirt protectors**
  - **Toys**
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Thank you to everyone who has helped us build up such an amazing inventory to help us meet the needs of the community!



## KEEP IT CLEAN! (and fragrance-free!)

Before bringing your items in for donation, please check them to make sure they are free of any stains or pet fur. If washing your items, be sure to use only fragrance-free laundry products to protect our recipients from any sensitive reactions!



### Event Schedule - Fredericksburg

Unless otherwise noted; all Events are at the Chancellor Ruritan Club  
5994 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg,  
VA 22407

**Member Meetings 9:30-12:30**  
***Come when you can,  
leave when you must!***

### Event Schedule - King George

All Events are at the  
Smoot Library Room A  
9533 Kings Highway. King  
George, VA 22485

**Member Meetings - Friday**  
**10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

King George	
Jan	12th
Jan	26th
Feb	9th
Feb	23rd
Mar	8th





Fredericksburg 2024		
Jan	3rd	Wednesday
Jan	16th	Tuesday
Feb	7th	Wednesday
Feb	20th	Tuesday
Mar	6th	Wednesday
Mar	19th	Tuesday
Apr	3rd	Wednesday
Apr	16th	Tuesday
May	1st	Wednesday
May	14th	Tuesday
May	18th	Saturday Workshop
Jun	5th	Wednesday
Jun	18th	Tuesday
Jul	3rd	Wednesday
Jul	16th	Tuesday
Aug	7th	Wednesday
Aug	20th	Tuesday
Sep	4th	Wednesday
Sep	17th	Tuesday
Oct	2nd	Wednesday
Oct	15th	Tuesday
Nov	6th	Wednesday
Nov	19th	Tuesday
Nov	23rd	Saturday Workshop
Dec	4th	Wednesday
Dec	17th	Tuesday

**Reminder ... it will be here before we know it!**



**Inclement Weather Policy:**

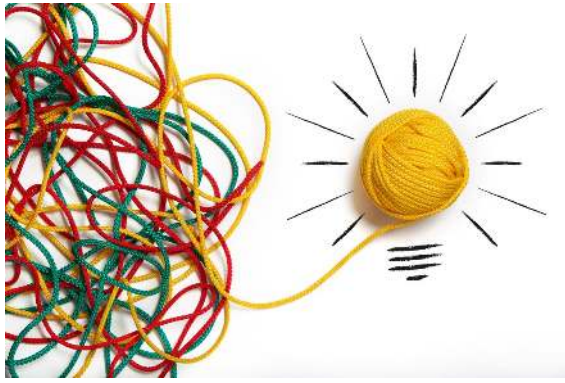
Meetings will be cancelled if Spotsylvania schools open late or are closed due to weather






**Patterns & Other Resources**

If you have a favorite pattern, tip, tutorial, or other resource you'd like to share with our members, please email it (along with any relevant links) to [communitythreads@comcast.net](mailto:communitythreads@comcast.net) so it can be included in a future newsletter!

**Tip of the Month**

Not sure how many turning chains to add at the end of your row? The chart below may help!



CROCHET STITCH	STITCH SWATCH (depicting turning chain)	TURNING CHAIN LENGTH
Single crochet (sc)		1 chain
Half double crochet (hdc)		2 chains
Double crochet (dc)		3 chains
Treble crochet (tr)		4 chains
Double treble crochet (dtr)		5 chains

## Meet the Board



Pam Greswolde – President 540-661-7967  
 Jeannie Duris – Secretary  
 Linda Foldvik – Treasurer 703-395-4064  
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 Marcia Reed – 540-656-0474  
 Donna Edwards  
 Ferne Polk (not pictured)

Please reach out to any of the board members with comments, thoughts, and suggestions.



This is *your* newsletter - what would you like to see included?  
 Please let us know by telling us at a meeting, or  
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