

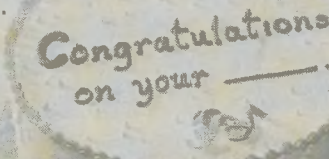
B'not Mitzvah Create Community Service Project That Involves All Their Friends

Knitting Blankets for Levine Children's Hospital

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From far left, clockwise: Madeline Rodgers (in shrug), Niki Plaus, Alison Hunt, Rachel Denenberg, Annie Brown, Adelaide Gorelick, Isabel Rodgers.

Annie Brown was looking for a community service project for her upcoming Bat Mitzvah at Temple Israel. One thing she loves to do is knit, and she wanted her project to be fun while at the same time helpful to people.

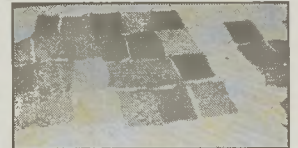
Coincidentally, her friend Madeline Rodgers was thinking about what she could do for her community service project for her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth El. Not only does she also love to knit, but she knows so many other girls that love to knit. Between Annie and Madeline, they created a group project to knit blankets for patients at Levine Children's Hospital with more than 30 of their friends.

They and their friends knit 7" x 9" segments that they then sew together to make complete afghans. The goal is for each girl to complete two baby blankets for Levine Children's Hospital and at least two full-sized blankets by the

time of each of their Bat Mitzvahs (Annie's is in March; Madeline's in November). That represents approximately 232 segments! The full size blankets will be donated to Warm Up America, which is headquartered in Gastonia. They have a kids' division where they encourage kids' groups to do this type of project and then help the kids find agencies that need the blankets at donation time.

"These girls have worked so hard," says Kim Bell of Warm Up America. "I want to make sure that they know that their blankets will go to people who are in great need. Some of our clients include homeless shelters, the Red Cross, and children's hospitals."

One night the girls got together for a knitting party and there were 32 girls and moms knitting segments for the blankets. At this point they have collected close to 100 blanket segments. The girls will continue knitting and the knitting parties will con-



A sampling of completed blanket squares.

tinue up until bat mitzvah time. Annie and Madeline would like to thank Yours Truly Needlepoint and Knitting, and Charlotte Yarn for the yarn they have donated.

For more information on Warm Up America, visit www.warmupamerica.org or call 800-662-9999. ☆



Left to right: Natalie Cohen, Julia Winer, Katie Brown, Maddie Gorelick.

"Chai Hopes" Knits Blankets for Levine Children's Hospital

When Anita Grey and Lynn Edelstein created Chai Hopes as both a knitting and a social group for their friends, they didn't realize how much it would grow. Just by word of mouth, there are now more than 60 Chai Hopes knitters creating blankets for patients at Levine Children's Hospital.

Edelstein, of Yours Truly Needlepoint and Knitting, provides the wool wholesale to the group for their first blanket, and once one blanket is completed, she provides the yarn to the knitter for free. Member of the JCC Senior Adult Group, Oasis, receive all their yarn for free.

No membership is necessary to join Chai Hopes. Just show up to the Jewish Community Center on Wednesday morning from 9 AM-12 noon and bring your own needles (or you can purchase needles from Chai Hopes). The group will provide the necessary pattern and dimensions of the blankets, and

then you just knit and socialize with the charming ladies that are present.

Not everyone comes every week. Generally there are about a dozen women at the Levine JCC on any given Wednesday morning. But even if they don't come, many women continue to knit. Even people who have moved out of the community are knitting for Chai Hopes, reports Grey. Many have also made donations. "This thing has just snowballed," Grey continues.

Elaine Denenberg is planning to use the blankets as centerpieces at the Kiddush Luncheon for her children's B'nei Mitzvah. She hopes this will raise awareness of the project to a whole new group of people.

For more information, you may contact Lynn Edelstein at Yours Truly Needlepoint and Knitting, 704-366-6765. ☆



Back row, from left to right: Sue Worrel, Susan Estroff, Donna Lerner, Shirley Klein, Elaine Denenberg, Lynn Edelstein, Anita Grey; seated, left to right: Evelyn Berger, Micki Knoff, Adrienne Weber, Karen Knobbe, Barbara Levin.

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