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WGA 4 Kidssm

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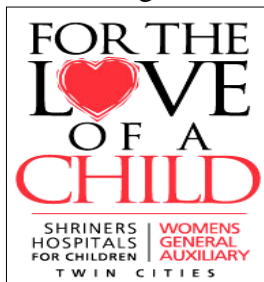
Wishing you a blessed holiday
filled with joy,
love and much peace.

WGA Continuing Business

**MEMORIALS [Elizabeth Ekholm, Memorial Chairman,
1703 Lilac Lane, Mendota Heights, MN 55118 Phone:
651-454-5277 or e-mail pekholm@q.com.]**

Memorials and Honorariums for the month of November totaled \$12,943. Thank you for your continued support.

Your donations of Gifts, Memorials and Honoraria are given and used



Reminder - Checks for the auxiliary should be made payable to the WOMENS GENERAL AUXILIARY

DISTRIBUTION [Mary Bagwell, Receiving and Distribution Chairman, 12552 Marion Court Rogers, MN 55374 Phone: 702-219-3970 or e-mail mlk002@aol.com:]

Audrey Braiedy, Co-Chair, 10465 Yorktown Ln N., Maple Grove, MN 55369 Phone: 763-424-9876 or albraiedy@comcast.net;

Jen Agan, Co-Chair, 9789 208th St. W, Lakeville, MN 55044 Phone: 224-814-9114, aganjen@gmail.com
Pat Jansen, Pop Tab Associate

Twenty-four thank you acknowledgements were sent during November in response to various items received and questions asked.

We do need hair brushes. Thank you for all your donations to keep our mission going. Donations have been coming in at a steady pace. Please remember that we can only accept **NEW** items. Thanks for your support.



We took the pop tabs to recycling on December 7th. We had 2,227 lbs. and received \$.54 per pound for a total of \$1,218.78. [See pictures of the crew and tabs on last page.] We do have containers available for tab collections. Let us know if you can use one. They are made to be used in offices, bars, office spaces, etc. Every tab counts, so

encourage everyone you know to collect tabs FOR THE LOVE OF A CHILD. **DONATED ITEMS**

Please remember to insert your name or your group's name and address on all bags or boxes containing your donated items. That will help us sending our thank you notes.



PLEASE NOTE: A new hospital policy requests that no identification stickers or group names be placed on any donated items (i.e. toys, blankets, quilts, etc.). Your cooperation with this new request is greatly appreciated.



Also, we request that you do not send cash inside packages of toys, clothing, knitting, etc. Please send all cash, checks and gift cards to us by mail or in person. Thank you.

CLOTHING [Diane Johnson, Clothing Chairman, 4886 Safari Court S, Eagan, MN 55122, Phone: 651-688-8903 or e-mail djay@msn.com, Laurie Miller, Clothing Associate.]

Clothing donations have been very sparse. The clothing items that are needed are:

- large elastic band shorts with snaps
- **medium and small** gym type shorts – without snaps

Shorts should not contain any buttons, buckles or zippers.

- Pillow cases: kid friendly for all ages (flannel or cotton)
- Teddy bear gowns: we need these for medium size bears. If you need a pattern, call Diane Johnson at number listed above.

- Fleece blankets for young children (designs for boys and girls (finished measurement 48 x 60)
- Ice bag covers (with draw strings) size 8 x 10”

We have another very important request: Please make sure that all donations of clothing, blankets, afghans, etc. are **CLEAN and **SMOKE FREE**. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

KNITTING [Dolly Reynolds, Knitting Chairman, 723 Cartway Rd., Champlin, MN 55316 Phone: 763-421-3499 or e-mail mreyn83217@aol.com, Cindy Tohm, Knitting Associate.]

Winter is on our doorstep, so keep those knitting needles and sewing machines humming. We will be needing more hats and mittens for our mitten tree.

We thank all of you dedicated knitters.

TOYS [Kathleen Flicek, Toy Chairman, 2493 Bridgeview Ct, Mendota Heights, MN 55120 Phone: 651-454-7868 or e-mail kflicek@comcast.net, Cathy Sportelli, Toys Associate.]

Our most critical needs are:

- **Baby dolls**
- **Games for pre-teen and teens:**
- **remote controlled cars and trucks,** (ear buds, Frisbees, Frisbee gold, Manga books (comic books), Magic sets, Advanced board games, hand held games, arts and craft sets, footballs, basketballs)

Other items for all ages are:

- Any size activity books
- **Coloring books and crayons (24 plus count)**
- button batteries
- Barbie's (with the real Barbie logo)
- Reading books for teenagers

The WGA **still needs** gift cards (preferably **Target** and **Walmart**) that can be used to purchase items currently needed for the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Donations

FINANCIALS [Linda Metzger, 5510 Sycamore Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55447 Phone: 612-839-4285 or Linda.metzger@comcast.net.]

Donations for the month of November:

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El Zagal Shrine Auxiliary – Aetna Found. c/o Cybegrants, LLC

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Willmar Shrine Aux. – Bridge Marathon Main St. Dental, New Prague – HoHo Shrine Club

Palmer Welcome Auto, New Prague – HoHo Shrine Club

Give MN/Give to the Max – Megan Wellner

Give MN/Give to the Max – Catherine Carruthers

Give MN/Give to the Max – Anne Noonan

Give MN/Give to the Max – Kelsey Dobias

Give MN/Give to the Max – Jeanne Bortz

Benevity – Ameriprise – Anonymous Benevity – United Health & Cargill –

Sara Isbell & Marce Spies-Johnson

Wisconsin Valley Aux. – Kohls Dept Store Grant – EOS Funding

MN Valley Shrine Club Ladies – Wheelchair Fund

Paul Serber

Ottertail County Womens Aux.

JLL Community Connections – Payroll Deduction William Larson

Good Done Great – Ecolab – Morgan Wanless

Thank you. Your donations help us continue our mission.

You can donate to the Womens General Auxiliary through your employers giving programs. Some of you have already donated through The United Way. You will need our

501(c) 3 Federal ID # to do this, which you can obtain by calling Linda Lattimore at 763-545-5770 or Carol Miner at 763-535-5011

Auxiliary News

Please send us news on your current auxiliary activities.

Womens General Auxiliary News

The Annual Meeting dates for **2017** are **May 1 and 2**. It will be held at the Ramada Hotel in Minneapolis. Details will follow as we get closer to 2017.

Our WGA 4 Kids website has been launched. We have had many good comments about how nice it looks. Please go to:

www.wga4kids.org/

There were many volunteers to help us stuff the Christmas stockings. We thank everyone who participated.

We are now in the process of handing out the stockings to the hospital and clinic patients. I have posted some of the pictures taken of the children receiving the stockings and the large stuffed animals. [Pictures can be found on the last page of the newsletter.]

Internet Access to WGA

Q? If you have questions about us, please call 612-596-6233 (auxiliary office).

Reminders

Auxiliary Bylaws should be kept up to date and a copy filed with WGA. Contact the WGA if you have any questions.

OUTREACH

If you would like a visit by a Board member at one of your auxiliary meetings, please contact Carol Miner, WGA Chairman, with your request.

Volunteer Hours

Please send your volunteer hours to Carol Miner. We have not received any recently, and I know you have been working with your auxiliary.

Hospital Tours

If you have a group or know of a group that would like a tour of the Hospital and Parent Accommodation Center, please call Lauren Elm at lalm@shrinenet.org or at 612-596-6119 to prearrange the tour.

News from the Hospital

Other current news from Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities can be obtained by going to our website at www.wga4kids.org/the_pulse/

Womens General Auxiliary on Facebook

There are more pictures and stories posted on our Facebook page. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/wga4kids>. You do not have to be a member of Facebook to visit us. Let us know what you think.

Thru the Window on Line

You can also view the newsletter in color on our Website (www.wga4kids.org.) Just click on the tab “News & Events.” Let us know your thoughts.

If you would prefer to view TTW online rather than receive it in the mail, we will send you a notification when an issue is published. To receive the notification of the current issue by e-mail, we must have your correct e-mail address. Please send me an e-mail with your name, and auxiliary/club name. That will ensure we use an accurate e-mail address.

Please send your “sign-up-e-mail” to me at: Cminer8727@aol.com

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[The following are pictures of the stocking distribution.]



[This little guy decided the elephant was going home with him.]



[Barbara Eschle, Mary Martin, Pat Marshall, Jane Hinderscheid and Karen Griffin. They are members of Thompson Park Activity Center's Umbrella Project. They brought 13 bags of donated gifts. Part of the donation is pictured below.]



[Perez Family volunteers with patient.]





[Maddie's puppy matches her polka dot hat.]



[L-R: Phil, Cindy, Jen and Tim.]

[Following pictures are the pop tab crew, who did a great job. **Special Thanks to Budget Car and Truck Rental on Hiawatha Ave. for donating the use of the truck.**]

Next TTW newsletter will be out in February.



[Remember, every tab counts.]