

# Warm the World



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## Newsletter

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### Special points of interest:

- Local Volunteer Numbers Grow
- SOS Illinois gearing up
- SOS Chicago dedicates four homes for pregnant and parenting teens
- First Volunteer Meeting Scheduled



### Big News

Our first annual yarn/material drive with DJ's FiberCraft's March 13-20 was a huge success. We received lots and lots of spectacular yarn! In addition to the yarn we also received lots of material and some quilt tops. If you haven't seen the new inventory, call and come on up! And if you haven't been to DJ's in Florence, you MUST go see Dawn, Laurie or Beth.

### SOS Illinois Update

As of April 5, the six new homes in Lockport, as well as the sixteen homes in Chicago are almost done. According to Dawn Mueller, SOS Lockport, "They should begin opening about one every two weeks, starting mid-late May."

Currently they do not have a breakdown on the children in the homes, but should have that information for us later in the summer. Remember, these homes can each support up to six children. The ages range from newborn to 18 years old—so let's not forget the bigger kids when we're making our blankets.

Specifically, the Chicago Village will have four homes for pregnant and parenting teens—that could be up to 24 teens and new babies, so our many infant blankets will be warmly welcomed.

One more note from Dawn, they want PICTURES of us working on the blankets to share with the kids and put on their website! So be prepared to have your photo taken.



### Calling all Quilters

As mentioned, we are fortunate enough to have received several quilt tops and LOTS of material. I'm afraid this is not an area where I have any expertise and consequently I need HELP!! If your talents are with quilting, sewing, or if you know people that may be willing to help us with the quilting aspect of *Warm the World*, please contact me.

We need to sort through the material and determine whether we can utilize it, then organize it in some fashion. Finally, we need to find sources for batting and long arm sewing to complete the quilts. At least that's what I think we need to do—so if you would like to coordinate the quilting end of *Warm the World*—just say the word and I'll help you as much as I can.

## Volunteer Numbers UP UP UP

Wow, Zoowy, I'm thrilled to announce we have added 14 new members to our talented team since February! That brings our current count to 54. And word of *Warm the World* has spread as far as Littleton, Coaldale, and Pueblo West. So if you find you're traveling to any of these locations, let me know and maybe you can assist with logistics.

## Numbers recap

We need 132 or more afghans/quilts in support of SOS Illinois, and 94 (minimum) for Kidstown Romania.

We currently have 84 afghans, 2 adult quilts and 6 infant/toddler quilts. And several quilt tops waiting to be put together. The more we make the more organizations we can support.

## Fremont County Foster Care

As many of you know, my ultimate goal is to get *Warm the World* engaged with the Fremont County Foster Care system. The trauma these children endure is heartbreaking and if we can give them one small glimmer of hope with a blanket we've made with love, then maybe they can endure the trauma of not having a permanent home.

If you have a resource that can assist us in this goal, please pass our information to them and pass their name and number to me. Let's not give up on Fremont County.

## Meeting Scheduled

Yep, it's official. Our first meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 29, 10:00 am** at *Warm the World* Headquarters, Cañon City.

Bring your afghans, quilts, needles, projects complete or in the works and meet other volunteers. I would like to start our pattern book, so bring your favorite pattern and I'll make a copy on the spot!

If you need a ride, I'll coordinate your transportation. And finally, bring a friend and a smile because I'll be taking photos.

If you work, or can not meet during the day, please let me know and I'll schedule the next meeting on a Saturday morning for everyone.

*A good education enables a person to worry about things in all parts of the world*

— anonymous

*The warmth of a child's smile brightens even the grayest day!*



**Thanks for being a part of**

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