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Touchmark residents donate knitted items to Children's Hospital

APPLETON, Wis. – Touchmark on West Prospect residents donated more than 120 handmade knitted and crocheted items to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin-Fox Valley as part of their knitting for a cause project.

This is the second year in a row residents knitted or crocheted items for a local charity. Participants met weekly to work on the project, with many continuing to knit and crochet on their own time. The women worked year-round to make afghans, hats, scarves, sweaters and several other items. Last year, Touchmark's knitting for a cause donated 139 items to Homeless Connections.

Val Cornwell, who keeps her knitting with her at all times, said it is rewarding to know she is helping someone with her handiwork.

"For me, knitting is something to do, and I can do it while I talk or watch TV," she said. "It is great these items are going to people who can use them and that the afghans, for example, can bring some comfort."

Knitting helps Rosemary Fulcer relax and also gives her something to do with her hands "besides eating," she joked. "I like there is a variety of things we can make. If we have a larger item like an afghan, we can take a break from that and make a hat. This project kept us busy."

The group chose Children's Hospital of Wisconsin-Fox Valley for their donations this year since they wanted to help children, said Executive Director Barb Pandolfo.

"The women enjoy getting together to knit and socialize. It is a good activity since it not only keeps their hands active, but it also keeps their minds active, too, since they are being creative and thinking about the work they are doing," said Pandolfo, who also contributed her own handiwork to the cause.

Cornwall said Touchmark received a lot of yarn donations when the first knitting for a cause effort began nearly two years ago.

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“People are so generous. We received a lot of yarn, which is wonderful,” she said. “Some people have yarn and don’t know what to do with it, and we’re taking that and making hats, afghans, scarves and more from it. We’ll be able to keep busy for a long time to come.”

About Touchmark

Located on 40 acres directly across from the Butte des Morts Country Club, Touchmark is home to more than 200 people. The full-service retirement community offers a wide range of homes and lifestyle options.

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