

LOVE CAP LINES

JANUARY

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2009

Volunteers wrap up a busy year

Fall 2008 was a whirlwind of activity! We gathered for our annual party in October, Temple Israel held Mitzvah Day in November and Love Cap volunteers wowed Memphis with our decorations at the Festival of Trees. The grand total for 2008 was an impressive 3142 items. Look inside for more photos and details.



Love Cap volunteers made a splash at the Festival of Trees. Our tree, sponsored by Fred's, Inc., was resplendent with knitted and crocheted ornaments.



The annual Love Cap celebration and ingathering featured a trivia quiz contest. Members of Team Crochet, pictured above, celebrate their victory over Team Knit.

Sarah Terry Hangs Up Her Cap

by Sally Heinz, Vice President of Development

After 10 years and over 32,000 caps and lap robes, Sarah Terry has resigned her duties as Director of the Love Cap Program. "Managing the Love Cap program has been a joy," said Terry, "but now I need to spend time with my family."

We will all miss Sarah's able leadership of Love Caps. Under her watch this program has thrived and made a difference in the lives of many. As a way to say "thank you" to Sarah, please consider a gift to MIFA and Love Caps in her honor. What a lovely way to recognize her years of service! Simply use the form in this newsletter and check the box noting that your gift is in honor of Sarah.

A Call for Volunteers

MIFA asks that all volunteers who want to keep this program going strong step up and take responsibility for its continued success. Linda Marks, MIFA's Director of Congregational Relations, will serve as the point person for the Love Cap program until new leadership is installed. With Sarah's departure, Love Caps will be managed by a council of volunteers as it was in the early years.

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MIFA needs one program coordinator and a group of folks who can help plan and stage events, raise funds, publicize the program, maintain an online presence, publish newsletters and oversee the sorting and distribution of caps and lap robes.

Sarah Terry will remain active in Love Caps. "I've started work on my first lap robe. How's that for long-term commitment?" she quipped. Sarah added, "I truly hope that the volunteers will take ownership of the program and see that it continues. I want to remain part of this diverse group of people working together to make our community a better place to live."

To offer your support and assistance, contact Linda Marks at 529-4543 or lmarks@mifa.org. The MIFA staff needs you to keep those needles and hooks active for our many neighbors who come to us for help. We never cease to be amazed at the thousands of warm items you turn out each year and appreciate your support and encouragement for the jobs we do.

Love Cap Distribution

MIFA

Emergency Services	Teen Job Services
MIFA Housing Opportunities	Ombudsman
Home-Delivered Meals	Senior Companion

Other Agencies

Christ M.B. Church	Emmanuel House
Jewish Family Services	FirstWorks
Newborn Center at the Med	More Than a Meal
Methodist University Hospital	Psychiatric Unit

2008 Participants

Caps

Luther Towers	456
Woodland Presbyterian	344
Temple Israel	228
Shelby County FCE	155
Plough Towers	130
Grace-St. Luke's	119
St. Peter Manor	114
Cordova Presbyterian	102

Lap Robes

Plough Towers	175
Temple Israel	17
Colonial Baptist	10
Trinity UMC	10

Other Participating Groups

Collierville UMC	Evergreen Presbyterian
Eudora Baptist	First Baptist
Holy Communion	Idlewild Presbyterian
Machine Knitters	Memphis SnB
Mullins UMC	PDS School
St. Mary's Cathedral	Memphis Knitting Guild

Individuals

Jo Ackart	Suzanne Aviles
Charlotte Andrews	Linda Cullum
Lynda Hawkins	Annie Hussey
Elowee Jones	Vera Hime
Gwen McLaughlin	Winnie Mitchell
Christine Moore	Jean Nuckolls
Toni Campbell	Billie Rackely
Kaoru Rice	Donna Sibley
Almeda Young	Verlon Yager
Miki Zulewski	

Our Caps Are Off To You!

The **Church of the Holy Communion** for sharing their lovely fellowship hall for our fall party.

Ann Fain, BJ Massengill and **Gwenice McLaughlin** for providing refreshments.

William and Max for carrying heavy bags.

Christiana, Lynsey and **April** for hosting the trivia quiz show.

Sally Heinz and **Linda Marks** for their greeting and photography skills.

LeBonheur TWIGS for the opportunity to participate in the festival of trees.

All who helped pack up and clean up after the party, donated yarn or door prizes, submitted entries to the Mid-South Fair and knit or crocheted caps, lap robes or ornaments in 2008.



Fundraising Update

Goal \$3,000

Current \$1999



Thanks to our generous donors, we have raised 2/3 of our goal for 2009! If you have not yet made a financial gift, please consider sending a donation of any size. By funding the Love Cap program, you are making it possible for more of MIFA's budget to be used for basic services and training for folks facing difficulty in this soft economy.

To help move the Love Caps toward self-sufficiency, send your gift of any amount using the form below.

Remember that no gift is too small. If everyone on the Love Cap Mailing list gave just \$5 we would reach our goal. Donations to MIFA in the form of honorariums and memorials may be designated to the Love Cap program.

Recent contributions

Gifts received September 16th - January 15th

In memory of

Marian Belle Moore
Willa Lowry
Sarah Terry



Partygoers enjoyed stitching, chatting, collecting new yarn and sampling delicious homemade muffalettas made by BJ and Miki (top photo).



Temple Israel knitters gather for Mitzvah Day. Members also assembled birthday bags for meals recipients and performed acts of kindness throughout the community.



YES! I can help keep the Love Cap Program Going Strong!

- \$40 to mark MIFA's 40th Anniversary
- \$36 to mark Love Cap 18th Anniversary
- Gift in honor or Sarah Terry \$ _____
- Other amount \$ _____

Send to:
MIFA Love Caps
P.O. Box 3130
Memphis, TN 38173

Please charge my gift

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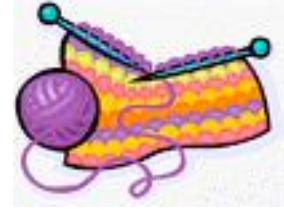
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What is Love Caps?

Love Caps is a program for knitters and crocheters who make caps, lap robes and other warm winter clothing for our neighbors in need. Now in our 19th year, Love Cap volunteers have made and distributed over 62,000 caps through MIFA programs and other area agencies.

Love Cap Contact Information

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MIFA Website: <http://www.mifa.org>
Love Cap Web Page http://www.mifa.org/love_caps.asp
Love Cap Blog <http://lovecaps.wordpress.com>



Mid-South Fair Winners

Congratulations to our winners in the Love Cap competition at the Mid South Fair!

Lisa Temple- Best of Show, Best knitted Cap, Best Crocheted Cap **Katie May**- Best of Junior Exhibitors

Miki Zulewski - Second place Knitted Cap, second place Crocheted Cap

Turn-In Schedule

Finished items will be accepted at World Wide Knit in Public Day on Saturday, June 13, at our annual party in the fall or at MIFA Headquarters from October 1 - December 15. Donations of yarn are accepted year round. Bring or mail Love Caps to MIFA Headquarters at 910 Vance Avenue, Memphis, TN 38126. Please deliver all Love Cap donations to the front desk, NOT to the back dock.

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