



The Flying Pig Times

The Newsletter of New Kindness

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Who We Are

New Kindness is a non-for-profit organization that hopes to give people a **purpose** by providing them the funds to make items (e.g., hats, soaps, blankets, toys, etc.) that can then be gifted to someone in need. For example, New Kindness would provide/pay for raw materials for a group of people at a seniors home to make soaps, blankets, scarves, etc. New Kindness would then package these and gift them on special holidays to a shelter. The real desire is to give purpose to people that seem not to have it (e.g., an elderly person who lives alone, someone who has lost a wife/husband, a group of women in a shelter, a senior in a home.) Their purpose would come from doing something that would help someone else, while New Kindness provides the raw materials and the instruction.

The long term vision is for everyone who received a gift, (i.e., the person in need who got something from someone else) to also gain a purpose for themselves by making something to gift to another. With time, we can create a truly unique cycle of giving back... a New Kindness.

How to Help

You can help by:

- ✎ Donating raw materials (e.g. tools, wool, fabric, gift certificates, wood, etc.)
- ✎ Becoming a Donor (to make special items for giving)
- ✎ Becoming a Volunteer (to deliver gifts, make calls, help at events etc.)
- ✎ Identifying Recipients (Do you know an organization or person who could benefit?)
- ✎ Making a monetary donation (Please note: We are not yet able to provide income tax receipts)

Want to help but aren't sure how? Let us know and we can work together to figure it out.

New Kindness Launches Crafting Workshops



In January, New Kindness kicked off a series of crafting workshops. Each workshop will feature a lesson on how to make a handmade item with materials donated by New Kindness. The finished projects will be donated to an organization in need, and participants will have an opportunity to make more items after the workshop so that as many people as possible can receive an item. These workshops present a great opportunity for people who have wanted to get involved with New Kindness, but haven't been sure where to start.

Participants of our first workshop learned how to make knitted dishcloths, which will be donated to a local shelter. The workshop was a huge success and has resulted in over 70 dishcloths being donated to New Kindness.

If you would have an idea for a workshop, or would like to be an instructor for one, please contact us.

Celebration Event Huge Success

New Kindness held its Second Annual Celebration Event and Silent Auction on December 1st, 2012 and it proved to be even more successful than our event last year.

We received an incredible amount of support from our volunteers and donors this year which allowed us to include over 70 items in the silent auction. With items ranging from wine to quilts to collectables, there was something for everyone and bidding was intensely competitive on many items.

During the event, attendees mingled, sampled delicious appetizers and were treated to a singing performance. By the end of the night, everyone walked away with something special - whether it be a hard won silent auction item, a flying pig chocolate or soap, or one of our incredible door prizes.

The entire event was funded by donations and staffed by our generous volunteers, which means no portion of any funds went to administration. Thank you to everyone who helped make our event a success. Because of your support, New Kindness will be able to make an even greater difference in the lives of others in 2013!



New Kindness' 2012 Donation Recipients



Last year, New Kindness had the pleasure of donating to seven different organizations, including Casey House, Rosalie Hall, Pregnancy Care Centre, Nellie's, Ve'ahavta and North York Women's Shelter. We worked with each recipient organization to ensure that our donation would make the greatest difference, and tailored our donation to meet their specific needs.

We donated items such as luxury bath products, knitted baby clothes and blankets, knitted outerwear for adults and quilts. These special handmade items were made by volunteers, some with raw materials and supplies that had been donated to New Kindness by our generous donors. Before donating an item, we attach a gift tag with the name of the person who made it on it, which encourages a personal connection between the recipient and the donor.

We received lovely thank you letters from our recipients, which helped us to know that the items we gave to them made a difference in the lives of the people who rely on these organizations.

Our recipients would greatly appreciate another donation of items from New Kindness, and there are other organizations who could also benefit from our help. If you or someone you know can assist in providing either completed items or the raw materials to make handmade items, please get in touch with us.

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