

The journey of your handmade hats...



Earlier this year NH Children's Trust put out the call – and you responded!

Knitters, crocheters and folks who never thought of themselves in any crafty way created baby hats.

So, from your loving hands to our office, the hats were collected. As they came pouring in our door, thousands of hats were counted – and still being counted!

The next stop on their journey was the generous home of volunteers who offered to launder each cap with gentle care. Arms full of tiny purple hats were tumbled together to come out clean and fresh for the new baby's head they'd soon land on. They were then individually bagged to maintain the fresh-from-the-laundry feel and sanitation.

The cap(s) you created then make their way to one of the 13 hospitals who share the Period of PURPLE Crying program with new parents after the birth of their child. The program teaches parents and others about infant crying. There is a time in a baby's life when they cry more than ever, that sometimes the crying cannot be consoled -- and that can be frustrating.

The program also provides ideas to try to soothe crying and stresses the importance of never shaking or hurting a baby. Nurses talk to parents about the PURPLE period and give them their own DVD and booklet to view in the hospital and take home to share with anyone who will care for their baby.

This is where your hand made hats come in. During November and December parents also get a purple baby cap. The cap has a message on the bag, so when their baby begins to cry they will remember what they learned at the hospital.



We couldn't be prouder that you joined us in this journey to keep NH infants free from harm.

THANK YOU!