



# The Common Thread Circle



"a handcrafted fabric work to a patient every hour"

Every day in every hospital, patients face crucial procedures and wait for life-changing lab results. They are often alone and in pain.

Each hour in every day, a hospital patient receives a fabricwork from The Common Thread Circle. These knitted, sewn, stuffed and crocheted homespun objects ease pain by supporting tender areas.

A team of volunteers, meeting informally up to seven times a month, makes these fabricworks from non-allergenic cloth, stuffing, thread and yarn. Later, volunteers distribute them to over twenty area hospitals. "The pillows seem to be security blankets for the patients... and how wonderful that is when your life is controlled by the sterile world around you!" one testimonial reads.



At any given meeting, you can find up to thirty people working while the pile of gifts for patients grows. They make the following fabricworks:

- Heart pillows. Heart surgery, mastectomy, and lung surgery patients cradle these to prevent friction against wounds and cushion limbs.
- Catchalls. Patients transport their medical records and personal effects in these bags, which are made to fit on wheelchairs or over an arm.
- Therapy dolls. Doctors, nurses and psychologists can be with children as they together draw on the doll the upcoming procedures and tests.
- Knitted bears. Younger patients can hold these before and during procedures. We also make an anatomical version for doctors to use to explain surgery.
- Crocheted hats. Our stylish knit hats keep babies and young children warm in the chilly air-conditioned halls of hospitals.

We create and donate over 1,000 items each month.

The Common Thread Circle is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. We receive funding, donations of material and loans of meeting spaces from both religious and non-religious organizations. We are entirely volunteer-operated with no salaried positions.