

A Special Opportunity to Warm a Community

“Community Purls”

Community Purls is a knitting and crocheting program delivering warmth to the neediest members of our community. The program will deliver upwards of 4000 scarves, shawls, dolls, caps, socks, mittens and blankets to Colfax Community Network, Catholic Charities, El Centro Humanitario, Family Promise of Greater Denver, and Fletcher Community School. These organizations have immediate needs to help thousands of women, men and children to stay warm this winter.

Community Purls is asking for support from all those that knit or crochet. Simply knit or crochet as many items as you can and deliver the completed items to any of 22 yarn shops in the metro area. Simple and fast patterns for items may be found on www.knitting4peace.org/index.php/patterns. Deliveries from the yarn shops to the charities will begin in November and continue through March.

Crafters participating in Community Purls will be partnering with the Denver- based organization called *women4women-knitting4peace*. This grass roots organization, started in 2006, has over 1000 crafters throughout the United States and Canada (organized in “Peace Pods”), knitting items for deliveries in local communities and 51 countries around the world. Peace Pods are groups who actively support the mission of crafting hope and healing through the power of knitting needles and crochet hooks. So, one may create in the home, join an existing Peace Pod (eight in the metro area) or find another knitter and start a pod of your own. For complete information on this fantastic organization, locations of Peace Pods, and its work in the global community go to www.knitting4peace.org.

women4women-knitting4peace board member, Arna Caplan, is a member of B’nai Havurah. She invites the whole Jewish Community to join in this important effort to bring sorely needed items to our greater community. In addition to providing warmth, these items also bring hope and comfort to those who need it most.