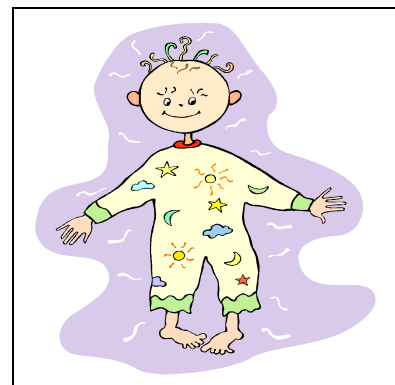


## 2009 Pajama Project—ANOTHER RECORD YEAR!!

GREETINGS to all 290 Pajama Project Donors and Volunteers!! It seems the final newsletters start out the same... “We did it AGAIN and surpassed last year’s record of”... WELL, we DID do it again and surpassed last year’s record of **955 pair** and made **1236 pair!** (And, yes, I “found” another 5 pair we’d donated, so the correct number this year IS 1236, not 1231 as previously published.) Here’s where they went!

Community Resource Center Transitional Housing Center—150 PJs and Nightgowns  
UCSD Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program—56 PJs  
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church Food Bank—70 PJs  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Giving Tree—77 PJs  
Parent Care—129 PJs  
Military Outreach Ministries Camp Pendleton —126 Garments  
Mental Health Services Family Recovery Center—197 PJs and Nightgowns  
Palomar Forensic Health Team (Sexually Abused Children)--120 Garments  
North County Assessment Center (Foster Children)—133 PJs  
Sherman Heights Community Center Head Start Preschool—89 pair  
Lutheran Social Services—85 pair  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Alpine Adopted Families—4 pair



You may notice some new agencies this year and some old ones that are “missing”. Two agencies closed, but new ones were added. All received more PJs than the year before (requests were higher due to increased need), and we expanded to reach more areas of San Diego County through Lutheran Social Services and Sherman Heights Community Center.

Our “200 Plus Club” grew by one person—Merry L’Esperance made an astronomical 250 pair of PJs!! Sewers who made the “100 Plus Club” were **Doris Anderson –130 pair** this year (a decrease from last year ONLY because she was busy machine embroidering individualized designs on many of our garments). Our long distance sewer, **Grace Beavers** of Los Osos, CA sewed **156 pair** of PJs! The **M&M sewing team (Margaret Dailey and Mickey Hooks)** cut and sewed the majority of nightgowns in addition to MANY PJ sets for a total of **242 garments!** **Megan Pierson**, was an honorable mention for sewing 95 pair. For the first year ever, we sewed every last kit we had!!

ALSO new this year, we have virtually NO fabric left (I don’t count 50 yards). SO, our shoppers had a BIG order for 3,500+ yards of flannel this year. This massive purchase was accomplished by **teams of shoppers** who got up around 4 AM the day after Thanksgiving and stood in line at Joann’s Fabric before the light of day to load up on bolts of flannel.

Funds are more important every year, and each of you wonderful donors have enabled us to produce these pajamas in a vital way. Overhead for the project is low, but fabric costs increased by 50% beginning last year. We have generous donors again this year, and we hope to maintain (dare I say *increase?*) our productivity. One new promotional opportunity came unexpectedly when I was nominated and selected to receive the Channel 10 Community Leadership Award. As of this writing the date it will be aired is unknown, but I will send an email to everyone when it is finally scheduled.

THANK YOU **ALL** for your hard work that I hope was a rewarding experience for you. Whether you cooked, wrapped, made flannel cards for our fundraising efforts, decorated the Giving Tree, set up tables, organized Flannel Frenzy, managed the Welcome Table, coordinated lunches, recycled cans and bottles, cut ribbing, ironed, made our memory book and cards, donated proceeds from an open house for the Pajama Project, created and quilted PJ/quilt sets for funds, cut fabric, sewed, packaged, kept track of our budget, sent donations, wrote thank you cards to donors, did the mailings, donated the use of a serger, laundered or shopped, **YOU** are the reason **1236** children are warmer this year! **May the love you put into helping create warm gifts of pajamas for others, surround YOU and yours this holiday season!!**

## TOP SHOPPERS

### Team Oceanside:

Kris Rollin

Don Rollin

Loree Andreasson

Mary Louise Jameson

### Team Temecula:

Carolyn Meinhardt

Denise Meinhardt

Marilyn Meinhardt

### Team Tucson:

Suzanne Schmidt

Todd Schmidt

### Team Fletcher Parkway:

Rene Collette

Lillian Collette

### Team Point Loma:

Sherie Whiting

Janice Carr

Merry L'Esperance

Bethel Williams

### Team Poway:

Linda Melikian

Gwen Humphrey

Belinda Simonini

## TOP DONORS

**\$1000** In Loving Memory of  
Cynthia Reinda

**\$800** Carolyn Meinhardt

**\$800** Thrivent Financial for  
Lutherans

**\$500** Joan Eichen

**NEW SERGER!** Lou  
DesLauriers

THANK YOU ALL 273 Pajama  
Project Participants!! See you  
in February 2010 to start cutting  
and sewing again!

## TOP CHEFS

Would you believe too many to  
list?! Every work day included  
a delicious lunch that kept us all  
going!! **A HUGE THANKS  
TO KRIS ROLLIN** for  
coordinating all of the talented  
and generous people who  
provided wonderful food for us!

