

2007 Pajama Project—ANOTHER RECORD YEAR!!

GREETINGS to all 226 Pajama Project Donors and Volunteers!! This year we can say we had volunteers age 9 to 98!! We did it AGAIN and surpassed last year's record of 600 pair! **825 garments** were cut out, assembled into kits and sewn! 130 pair were BEAUTIFULLY gift-wrapped by Kathy Moreburg—adding a very special touch for the children and adults receiving them. Here's where they went!

Community Resource Center: 149 Garments

Transitional Housing Center—85 PJs and Nightgowns

Christmas Basket Program—64 PJs

UCSD Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program—90 PJs

Mental Health Services Family Recovery Center—53 PJs and Nightgowns

UCSD Options for Recovery—60 PJs

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Food Bank—106 PJs and Nightshirts

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Giving Tree—49 PJs and Nightshirts

Palomar Medical Center: 102 Garments

Sexually Abused Children—49 PJs

Children entering Foster Homes—53 PJs and Nightshirts

Military Outreach Ministries—185 Garments

Camp Pendleton—111 pair PJs and Nightshirts

San Diego—74 pair PJs

Fire Victims —22 pair PJs

New this year is the "100 Plus Club" for sewers completing 100 Plus garments! Our two mega-sewers were Sharlene Paterson (143 garments) and Doris Anderson (140 garments completed). Thanks to all of our other sewers as your efforts clearly ADDED UP! We know you each sewed MANY as Suzanne Schmidt was busy rewarding sewers with scissors she purchased for you. Next year, we anticipate having **FOUR** sergers available—two of which have been loaned to the Project by Diane Nichols and Belinda Simonini. We want to TEMPT you sewers into agreeing to sew 50 garments and we'll loan you the serger to help you do it.

Donations resulting from our fundraising efforts are thankfully still coming in, but we "went for the gold" and bought 2500 yards for next year. This massive purchase was accomplished by 5 **teams** of shoppers who got up around 4 AM the day after Thanksgiving and stood in line at Joann's to load up on bolts of flannel. Truthfully, we probably purchased a little more because the ability to say "No" to cute patterns is very low that early in the morning! (That is likely for the best as we have VERY LITTLE fabric left from Project 2007.)

THANK YOU **ALL** for your hard work. Whether you cooked, wrapped, ironed, cut, sewed, packaged, donated money, donated the use of a serger, laundered or shopped, you helped the Project move forward! May your Holidays be full of the love and warmth you provided the recipients of our lovingly-made pajamas.

Pajama Project 2008 will be starting up in FEBRUARY at YOUR request!! Watch for a postcard with all of the dates to arrive the end of January.

2006 TOP SHOPPERS

Only the hardest shoppers can be found at 6AM waiting for the doors at Joann's too pen!!

Team Oceanside:

Tammy Cardenas

Chelsea Cardenas

Anita Castleman

Team Poway:

Linda Melikian

Kris Rollin

Dan Rollin

Team Temecula:

Carolyn Meinhardt
Marilyn Meinhardt
Denise Meinhardt
Team Point Loma:

Sherie Whiting
Janice Carr
Carlton Whiting
Loretta Whiting

Team Escondido:
Suzanne Schmidt
Dodie Caldwell

Tracey Berlin
Fletcher Parkway:
Nancy Derringer

Warmest Wishes to all 226 Pajama Angels!!

Special Acknowledgements:

Anyone who knows me hears about the Pajama Project at some point. I often receive the credit for the productivity of this group. In reality, the productivity and growth of this Project is directly related to the commitment of the people participating. This was the first year so many have come forward and given of their time, creativity and expertise to keep the Project moving and improving. I'd like to recognize some special people and their talents below (last names in alphabetical order):

- Loree Andreasson—LOVES cutting RIBBING! (Suzanne and I have WORRIED she was overwhelmed until she wrote an ESSAY on WHY she loved doing it which *finally* got us to quit bothering her.)
- Anita Castleman—PROJECT ENGINEER!! FULL of ideas to make things easier. She can BUILD what we need!
- Renee Caldwell—Crafter of badges for Flannel Frenzy. She's got the touch!
- Paula Leedy—Ace Sewing Teacher!
- Linda Melikian—Seems to make volunteers MATERIALIZE! Submits grants, streamlined kit assembly AND donated her GUEST HOUSE to STORE all of our competed PJS!!
- Kathy Moreburg—LOVES gift-wrapping! DEFINITELY a gift-wrapping gene askew in her!
- Kim Oswald—Spots the need and sets to work! Never would've made it without her on MANY days.
- Elke Randau—AKA the "Ironing Queen". SHE runs the sweatshop!! I got the final word, ELKE!!
- Laure Reynolds—Seemed to just APPEAR with her skills and ideas to QUILT flannel scraps for the Project to help with fundraising!
- Kris Rollin—Hospitality Hostess beyond our dreams. She has SPOILED us with drinks, snacks and finding people to donate lunches!!
- Suzanne Schmidt—MY co-coordinator, Super Spy (gets the inside scoop on the flannel sale), top recruiter of sewers (THEY are HARD to find!! It's a vanishing skill!). She BRIBES sewers to sew LOTS with her "incentives" she purchases—Ginger scissors ETC.
- Liza Suarez—Happily writes Thank Yous to ALL of our donors

Loretta Whiting—Stamps, addresses, labels and MAILS all of the Project Postcards and Newsletters. I can count on my mom to "come to the rescue" and get things out ON TIME!! Didn't even WINCE when we had to do one mailing TWICE... We won't go into that story, but I'll blame it on a 55-year-old brain.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH—For the use of the Family Center whose custodians set up tables and clean up after us. Thanks also to Judy Foland and Carol Sanders for acting as our accountants and letting volunteers drop off laundered flannel and completed pajamas throughout the year. We also appreciate the storage places—we KNOW how precious that is.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1074—Our FASHION consultants!!

OUR MUCH-APPRECIATED MORNING MUSCLE!! (These guys showed up to help us lug all of our boxes of “gear” into the Family Center, UNLOAD our cars, put tables on leg raisers for our backs, etc.)

Rob Leedy—Willing to pick up a load from my home because my car couldn’t hold it all...

Gary (AKA “Eric”—I forgot his name one day, so he answered to Eric) Melikian

Todd Schmidt—Patient and kind husband of Suzanne who often RETURNED with things we forgot we needed...

OUR SEWING MACHINE SPECIALISTS—Sew Hut (4226 Balboa Ave. in Clairemont) gives us discounts on our serger tune-ups!

Brian—Who might inwardly groan at the sight of my old sergers, but tells me if they are worth repairing at NO CHARGE and then makes them run like new.

Harriet—Owner of Sew Hut...RUMOR has it that she has a CLOSET full of RIBBING!! She INTENDS to donate some... Will I be able to PRY it loose?? I’m KNOWN for persistence Harriet...I’ll keep coming back again and again...ONE of these days...



Project 2008 starts in February!! Hope to see you then!!