

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2014

Shawletter

Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers

a network of needle crafters ministering to families of the fallen
Since 2006, volunteers have given **7,077** handmade prayer shawls

Stitching & Serving

In the last month, we have contacted 45 family members of 20 service personnel in 19 states and territories. Shawls were sent to families of the following:

SSG Michael H Simpson

**ISG Thomas Leon
Harper**

SFC Felicia Thompson

SFC Kenneth Saunders

SSG Clifford N Brackeen

**CPT Brenton Starr
Dodgen**

**SPC Adrian Orlando
Magana Casanove**

SPC Lakisha T Thomas

Shawl Ministry Annual Gathering



FINALLY made it to Hartford for the Shawl Ministry Annual Gathering November 1st. It was so nice to put faces with names, make many new friends and share patterns and ideas. We were blessed to hear how shawls were part of the healing in nearby Newtown, CT. Comfort and care make a difference in so many lives! Check out more photos on page 3!

*Let the pleasure of the Lord
our God be on us:
O Lord, give strength to the
work of our hands.
Psalm 90:17 (BBE)*



Thanks and Thoughts

From a Daughter in Missouri:

I had never heard of this program before now but receiving this letter in the mail was so neat. I have looked over your website and have seen so many beautiful prayer shawls. It would be such a blessing to have one of these to share with my husband and my children. It would be a comforting way to remind our children to continually pray and thank God for their grandpa (my dad) and a wonderful way to remind them of the kindness of those around us. Thank you so much for this offer.

From a Mother in California: On behalf of all my family and I, I want to thank you for your sympathy. We truly appreciate your kindness during this time of our great loss.

From a Mother in Oklahoma:

I had my prayer shawl delivered just after I got home from the funeral. Thank you for considering my family by hand-making our beautiful Prayer Shawls.

From a Wife in North Carolina:

Thank you for the letter and option to receive a shawl. This is a great organization and I know you have touched a number of lives who have desperately needed the prayers and hope you're providing. Thank you.

From a Father in Illinois:

You will always be in our hearts Ryan, rest in peace son.

From a Wife in Missouri:

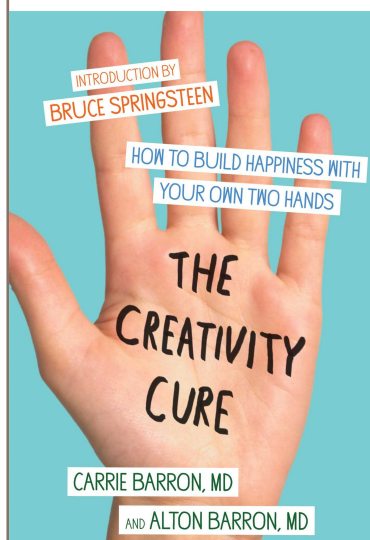
Thank you. Your kindness is appreciated

Recommended Reading

The Creativity Cure:

How to Build Happiness with Your Own Two Hands
Carrie Barron, MD and Alton Barron, MD

Husband and wife, hand surgeon and psychiatrist, the Barrons use their varied treatment experiences to share detailed tools and strategies for cultivating creative outlets and understanding how the brain and hands connect.



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Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church
Hartford, CT



Warm
Welcomes



Connecting
Ourselves



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