

# Shawletter

## Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers

a network of needle crafters ministering to families of the fallen. Since 2006, volunteers have given  
**7,445** handmade prayer shawls

### Thanks and Thoughts

**From a Mother in Missouri:** Thank you so much :)

**From a Wife in Ohio:** Thank you so very much.

**From a Family in Georgia:** No words could ever express our appreciation for the love and support you have shown to our family during this difficult time. We are deeply grateful.

**From a Family in Nebraska:** God bless you all for this wonderful ministry.

**From a Father in Texas:** Thank you. It's the hardest thing I've ever had to deal with. Something no parent should have to do! God bless y'all.

### Stitching & Serving

*Since our last newsletter, shawls have been shared with families of these service members:*

PV1 Nathan Berg

SPC Donald E Smith

SSG Vernon Riley

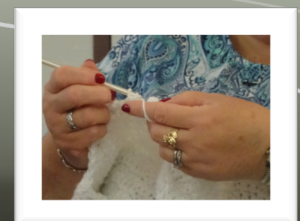
PV2 Charles R Colbert

SSG Avonye Chisolm

SGT John Marbutt

*Please keep these families in your prayers.*

*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)*



# Shawl Ministry Annual Gathering

We enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones. So inspiring to be in such a large group of busy needlecrafters! We admired all the samples at the sharing table, exchanged ideas and patterns, and warmed our hearts with the stories of the many crafting ministries.



Creating the yarn web is one of the annual traditions, person to person and table to table. After we connected around the room, we each tied a snippet around another person's wrist to remind us that we are joined at the heart. So glad we could make the trip and visit family, too.

## Thanks to Our Hosts

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish has a rich history in the Hartford area, with their Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry equipping them to serve into the future with all sorts of community outreach, from an art gallery to a sandwich ministry. We enjoyed the tour and our guide sharing the story of the two parishes learning to work and worship together.

