

Shawletter

Prayer Shawls for Families of Servicemembers

a network of needle crafters ministering
to families of the fallen

Since 2006, volunteers have given
8,590 handmade prayer shawls.



Blessings from Beginners

We received seven shawls from a beginners' knit and crochet class at a local library. We were awed by their creativity and generosity! THANKS!

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)



Program, Process, Progress!

There are two major steps to becoming a **501(c)(3)**; first we had to become a corporation in our state, and once incorporated, apply for **501(c)(3)** status with the IRS. We completed the first step late last month, becoming incorporated as **Prayer Shawls for Families of Servicemembers**. The name change more accurately reflects what we do, and our logo has been updated with the new name.

*Quick history review: When **PS4FS** was founded in 2006, knitters and crocheters sent Prayer Shawls directly to Walter Reed Army Hospital, so they literally were Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers. However, over the years the focus shifted to our current mission, which is to provide Prayer Shawls for family members of US servicemembers who die (or are severely wounded) while on active duty.*

Our application for **501(c)(3)** status was submitted to the IRS earlier this month; now we must wait a minimum of 30 days before contacting them to learn if our application was approved.

While we are waiting on the IRS determination, we are working to verify the accuracy of our two e-mail lists. The **first** list is for **those who wish to receive our Shawletter** – since you are reading this, you are on that list. If you ever wish to change the e-mail address where your Shawletter is sent, just contact us at ps4fs2@gmail.com and we will be happy to make the change for you. You may remove yourself from the Shawletter list by clicking on the “Unsubscribe” link near the bottom of every Shawletter e-mail, or by contacting us at ps4fs2@gmail.com.

Our **second** e-mail list includes all of **our Partner-Providers who have asked to be notified when a Prayer Shawl request is received in their area**. Over the next two weeks we will be sending out e-mails to each of these Partner-Providers (alphabetically by state) asking if they still wish to receive Prayer Shawl requests, and confirming their geographical area. A positive reply will maintain the Partner-Provider active, otherwise that e-mail address will be deleted.