



Keep Our Kids Warm Program

at Crayons to Computers



BACKGROUND:

Keep Our Kids Warm is a program of Crayons to Computers which exists to level the playing field in the classroom by ensuring that kids in need have the tools to succeed in school. Teachers have observed that these kids often do not have basic cold-weather gear. Keep Our Kids Warm helps address that need through donations by individuals and groups of handmade hats, scarves, and mittens.

GUIDELINES:

• Type of Items:

- Hats, head bands, or balaclava
- Scarves that are straight (at least 36" long and 4" wide), cowl neck, or key hole
- Mittens (regular or fingerless) or gloves
- Greatest need is for hats and mittens.

• Material and Sizing:

- Acrylic yarn, wool and cotton yarn that is machine washable/dryable
- Fleece, using double thickness if the fleece is thin
- Sized for students in pre-school through high school
(Greatest need is for elementary school students.)

HELPFUL HINTS:

- We have patterns and are willing to share for crocheted, knitted, and sewn hats, scarves, and mittens.
- When making mittens, please attach them together with a yarn scrap (preferred) or rubber band.
- Purchased gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats also work. Retail stores or on-line merchants often offer bargain prices near the end of winter.
- Make it personal: some stitchers attach a label indicating who made the items. We encourage this as teachers and students love to know who their gift is coming from.
- We welcome donations of new or "leftover" yarn and fleece from past projects. Providing yarn to our stitchers gives many the opportunity to participate who otherwise could not.
- We can always use plastic crocheting hooks as they are put to good use by men and women stitching in prison.
- We accept donations anytime and store them in our warehouse until distribution begins in November.
- Additional contributors are always welcome. Let us know if you know a friend, business, or organization that might want to help (i.e., yarn drive, hat/scarf/mitten drive, make KOKW items).

Contact Crayons to Computers at 513-482-3290 with any questions.