

# **DISTRICT CHILDHOOD CANCER COMMITTEE REPORT**

## **June 13, 2020 Cabinet Meeting**

The District Childhood Cancer Committee has not held a committee meeting following the start of the Covid 19 Virus. The State Committee meeting has held one meeting.

We currently still have one District wide Project on going. Currently it is implemented at no cost to the District or Clubs. The “Childhood Cancer Hats” project is currently on hold until further notice. We are waiting for further contact with the hospitals.

The Collection of yarn to make Childhood Cancer Caps was a wonderful success and more yarn was collected and delivered to Lakeland Correctional facility in February, 2020. The Clubs stepped up and supplied so much yarn it was amazing. I hope to continue this project and the drive again in the fall if we are still able to partner with Lakeland Correctional Facility.

The fourth batch of yarn was delivered in February 2020 by Lion LaWanna Brown and myself.

At that time, we were able to pick up dozens of hats, blankets and scarves made by the “Hat Makers of Lakeland”. LaWanna Brown and myself were also able to attend a meeting with all the “Hat Makers”. This meeting was very special and arranged by Dennis. Just getting into see them was an eyeopening event for me. It was a wonderful time of learning and sharing about what being a Lion means. Each one of the guys spoke about what doing this project meant to them. They had all the hats, scarves, and lap blankets set out for us to see. The Hat Makers had lots of ideas to share, and other things they could do to support our project.

Pictures were taken by the facility Warden, and were going to be sent to me, but right after our visit, the virus struck, and they have been in shutdown since then. I have communicated with my contact Dennis twice. But things are far from normal there. More information will follow, probably in the fall.

I am still working on the Distribution process. Plans were underway to deliver blankets and hats to Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor in the spring. Committee Members Shawn Dettling and Teresa Gest have been working on distribution in the east and west part of the district respectfully. Several of the hospitals had a full supply of hats, and by the time we were to check back with them again, the virus was here.

We have planned a new second project. Small Lap Blankets for both Ronald McDonald House and some hospitals who need these. The materials were donated by Michigan Center Lioness Club, and the blankets will be made by this club, now the Michigan Center Lioness/Lions Club. The Lakeland Correctional Facility also made up 45” lap blankets to be delivered as indicated. We picked up these blankets, and they were to be delivered in the very early spring. All of the items we have collected (hats, scarves and blankets) are stored in my home. There is a lot.

After discussion with DG Elect David and DG Mike, the Fall Conference project is on hold, until further notice.

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I plan to have one more conference call meeting in June. Hopefully by then we will have more information regarding the current situation in our State, and our next steps.

**WE SERVE, and KINDNESS REALLY DOES MATTER!**

Respectfully,

Committee Chair, PDG Bert Sexton