

September 2005 What's Up with Sheila's Shawls?

October will be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the United States.

Let's knit Sheila's Shawls and Paul's Scarves!

Dear Friends,

Renee Youngberg and Susan Bourne are happy to announce we will be sharing responsibilities as Co-Coordiators of Sheila's Shawls and Paul's Scarves for the next cycle -- as Renee returns to school as a teacher and Susan returns to school as a student -- and as we each bring our own unique gifts, talents and capabilities to this work ;-)

Susan will continue to moderate the online group, connect and respond with others by email, encourage new volunteers to join as State Coordinators and Volunteer Knitters, and continue as State Coordinator for Vermont.

Renee will continue to receive and distribute scarves, shawls and yarn, respond to inquiries and requests by phone, email , offer support and assistance to State Coordinators and Volunteer Knitters, and continue as State Coordinator for Minnesota.

We'll both be here to answer questions, make suggestions, and offer help and support as best we can. We hope sharing as Co-Coordiators will benefit all.

Together, with you, we support domestic peace.

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New State Coordinators: Faith Ragan in Alameda, CA; **Sherry Clarke** of FACES in Tulsa, OK; **Stephanie Whitehead** of Violence Intervention & Prevention in Macon, GA; **Kate Jacobs Spak** of Knit One, Heal Too! in Cincinnati, OH; **Lesa Nelson** in Jacksonville, NC; and **Rita Guthrie** in Tom-Green, TX. **Thank you all so much!**

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New Volunteer Knitters: **Thanks** to Jan in SC who shares as she joins: "I am happy to volunteer my services."

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Stories to Share:

Hey everyone,

I just want to share. I work with a teacher who was a victim of Domestic Violence. You wouldn't know it to work with her. She appears tough and is good at what she does. Any way, I connected with her at school because she said she goes to a domestic violence group. I talked with her about it because of Sheila's shawls. I found out the group is Isaiah. I needed someone to pick up one of the red domestic violence figures for a kick off I am doing at school. She said since it near here home she would pick it up and bring it to school with her. In the course of emails back and forth on directions, phone numbers and email addresses. I added on the bottom of the email that I had a shawl that was made just for her if she would like it. I figured with her tough exterior she wouldn't want one. Surprise! Her response was that she would love one. You never know what kind of response you're going to get unless you ask. Interesting Huh?

Blessings,
Renee

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Gratitude: Only when peace lives within each of us, will it live outside of us. We must be the wombs for a new harmony. When it is small, peace is fragile. Like a baby, it needs nurturing attention. We must protect it from violence and perversion if it is to grow. We must be strong to do this. But force, even in the name of honor is always tragic. Instead, we must use the strength of wisdom and conscience. Only that power can nurture peace in this difficult time. -Deng Ming Dao

May there be domestic peace in every home.

Susan Bourne & Renee Youngberg

Sheila's Shawls and Paul's Scarves

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