



Our First Deliveries!!!



This dapper gentleman lives at Eskaton Lodge Gold River in Northern California. From the moment we arrived he was a charmer. He had plenty of good things to say about the Alice's Embrace items and he chose this beautifully made red Walkin' the Halls lap blanket that was donated by Dee Ann from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Please scroll down to Packages...Packages...Packages to see more information about Dee Ann.



Another lovely resident from Eskaton Lodge Gold River. She chose this light and airy lap blanket made in the Raised Eyebrow pattern that was donated by Donna from Nevada City, California. It is made in a gorgeous soft gray purple and instantly provided comfort to this special recipient.



There was a beautiful 98 year old resident of Eskaton Lodge Gold River who we will not soon forget. Some of the residents were in their rooms when we arrived and this particular woman was one of them. The caregivers took three different Alice's Embrace items to her room and of the three, she chose the pictured green prayer shawl. Shortly after this, she came walking (strutting might be a better word) down the hall using her walker. She had the gorgeous prayer shawl, made in the Counted Cross Stitch pattern by Sharon from

**“I walked a mile
with Pleasure;
She chatted all the
way;
But left me none
the wiser
For all she had to
say.**

**I walked a mile with
Sorrow;
And ne'er a word
said she;
But, oh! The things
I learned from her,
When Sorrow**

Sacramento, California, draped over her shoulders. It doesn't end there. She proceeded to do a little dance for us. She started moving and shimmying her shoulders. It was such a lovely and wonderful sight!

walked with me.”

**Robert Browning
Hamilton**

The poem above is perfect for the person who has a loved one suffering with Alzheimer's Disease. When we actually look at how much we learn from them even while they (and often we) are struggling, we realize they are helping us prepare for when they will be gone. The first half of the poem could be how a lot of us feel, but then when we look back we realize that they were teaching us all along. Children who have a parent who is going through this should post this poem in a prominent place....it will help them heal and give them strength during trying times.

This was an exciting month for Alice's Embrace. We had our first two deliveries. Both were a huge success. The deliveries were carried out by Kim Rhinehelder, President of [The Eskaton Foundation](#) along with her Administrative Assistant, Lisa Smoley and Diane Lewis, Alice's Embrace Founder. We arrived with plenty of prayer shawls and lap blankets in a large array of colors so that the residents would have a nice selection from which to choose. Kim and Diane were in charge of writing their name on the Alice's Embrace label that is attached to their new item. They all seemed to really enjoy receiving this special gift.

More news....Alice's Embrace is now on [Facebook](#). Please follow us and post your stories and pictures of finished projects. It will be wonderful to see what everyone else is making and hear about why this is near and dear to their hearts.

One more thing!! If you are on Ravelry (the knitters and crocheters reading this will know what we mean by this) please be sure to check out our Alice's Embrace group on [Ravelry](#).

Kim Rhinehelder, President of The Eskaton Foundation, is chatting with a handsome gentlemen from Eskaton Village Roseville. He chose a gorgeous lap blanket made in the Pushpa pattern. It was donated by Karin from Vallejo, California. Karin has kindly donated seven items to Alice's Embrace.



Diane Lewis, Alice's Embrace Founder, with a resident from Eskaton Village Roseville. This lovely woman received a beautifully soft lap blanket in the Sugar Pie pattern made by Donna from San Marcos, California. Donna has very generously donated eight items to Alice's Embrace.



Packages...Packages...Packages



They arrive out of the blue. Some packages are big, some are small. This one is a favorite! Look at the magical box! It was sent by Dee Ann from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Sadly, Dee Ann's mom is suffering with Alzheimer's. We asked her to tell us about the wonderfully colorful package and here is what she had to say: "...my father was a stamp collector and after he passed last year, my sisters and I found box and box of

stamps, which we split and now look for reasons to mail things!! He was Mother's sole caregiver for many years and I'm sure he was smiling when he looked down and saw me plastering the box (full of blankets for Alzheimer's patients) with his stamps, especially for such a worthy cause."

The box was full of five items for Alice's Embrace. Three prayer shawls and two lap blankets. Two Walkin' the Halls prayer shawls - one done in red and the other in a forest green. Another prayer shawl in Birds on a Wire done in a beautiful lavender color. The two lap blankets were knit in the following: one done in a deep purple in the Counted Cross Stitch pattern and the other in a beautiful gold in the Pushpa pattern. Every single one of them is gorgeous!



These two packages arrived in the mail last week. One from Eugene, Oregon and the other from Baltimore, Maryland. What a great surprise!

The blue lap blanket is from Suzanne in Eugene and it is made in the Cashews pattern. The yellow lap blanket is made in the Faith pattern by Anne in Baltimore. Both of the items are knit beautifully. Both will surely be appreciated by their new owners.

Donations...Donations...Donations



Yes, we receive fun packages in the mail, but the items that are donated to our partnering shops are just as incredible. It is wonderful to get an email or phone call from one of our shops letting us know that they have items that have been dropped off for Alice's Embrace. Often, the items that arrive in the shops just appear without a story, but now and then the donor writes a little note saying why they're knitting for us. Two beautiful prayer shawls, in particular, that come to mind were donated by Maureen from Gold River, California. She knit one in loving memory of Marvin - a train engineer who loved to golf. The other she knit in loving memory of Laurence who loved the sea and sailing. Another wonderful prayer shawl that we recently received from Marilyn in Elk Grove, California, was knit in memory of her dad. These stories make Alice's Embrace's mission that much more special. All of the items that we receive come in from kindhearted knitters and crocheters. No matter how they arrive, they are all going to go to deserving people who will cherish the comfort and warmth these items offer. Thank you all for knitting for us!

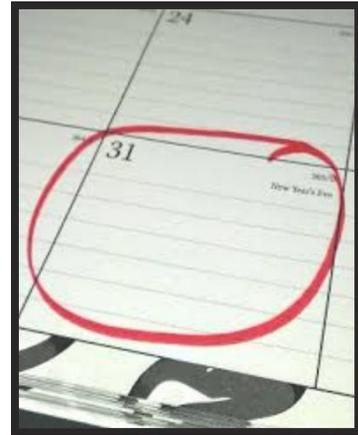


PARTNERING YARN SHOPS.....

Please remember to check the [Partnering Yarns Shops](#) page of the website. If you have completed an item and can take it to one of our partnering shops in Northern California or Northern Nevada, please do; they all happily welcome your contributions.

RACHAEL HERRON'S CONTEST ENDING AUGUST 31!

Bestselling author and talented blogger, [Rachael Herron's](#) Alice's Embrace contest is ending on August 31st. Please take a look at her [post](#) about Alice's Embrace. If you donate an item to us before the 31st of this month, send her an email and she will put your name in the contest for a beautiful shawl that she knit herself. A kind Rachael Herron fan, Christian, also donated two [shawls](#) to add to the contest. So, if you've made an Alice's Embrace prayer shawl or lap blanket and have donated it to us, please be sure to let Rachael know and get your name into her contest.



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