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ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER

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Dear Presbyterian Women of the First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your recent LARGE donation for our smallest patient's! Below are guidelines to help you help us! The new mothers just love the handmade items people such as you provide and it means so much to them that you care to give of your heart, time, and talent we will also add you to our quarterly newsletter so that you may see what your fellow volunteers are up to!

Full Term & Preemie Guidelines

- No matter what size hat or blanket is being made, they must be made of Baby Yarn if they are knitted or crocheted (newborns and especially preemies have very delicate skin.) If sewn or quilted, they should be of cotton, or cotton flannel.
- All items must be free of attachments such as pom-poms, buttons, ties, etc. and if an item is crocheted, the patterns should not have large holes in them in which small arms; fingers; toes and legs may get tangled in.

As a guide for Blanket sizes the NICU asked that the preemie blankets be no *smaller* than 20" X 20" and no larger than 28" X 28". The Birthing Center and Full Term Nursery asks that they be no *smaller* than 30" X 30" and there is no limit to larger sizes. Babies do come in all sizes so we are able to use all your gifts, no matter the size!

We do understand that many of our contributors use donated yarn and may not have control over the different yarns that you are given. In this case, please know that we are always in need of lap robes for our patients as well as prayer shawls for our Pastoral Care office. Patients love getting these warm half size blankets that they throw over their laps while they are in their wheelchairs and our chaplains like to offer the shawls as well. Pediatrics also loves to receive colorful bed throws for their patients.

We are deeply appreciative of your talents and generosity. Our main goal is to see that we are able to use all of what is given and to utilize our storage areas to their fullest potential.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me and I will gladly assist you. I may be reached at (518) 262-3491.

Warmest regards,

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