## What Is HCE?



# Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education

The Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education, Inc., is a non-profit educational organization comprised of member associations in 59 counties in Wisconsin.

The organization is unique in that members extend the information they receive from the University faculty and other reliable sources to the membership and community. Program planning and leadership training are provided by a collaborative effort of WAHCE, Inc. and the UW-Extension Family Living Program.

The UW-Extension faculty serve as advisors to both the state and county HCE Associations. Education programs are developed after careful study of statewide concerns.

### Our Goals are:

- To provide continuing education for members and others on issues that will strengthen families and communities.
- To develop and improve leadership skills of members.
- To build coalitions with other organizations and agencies having similar objectives and concerns as WAHCE, Inc.
- To promote friendships and understanding with all people of the world.

## **Our Benefactors**

Winnebago County HCE Clubs
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# Winnebago County Stitches of Love Project

Sewing, Knitting and Crocheting Headwear for Chemotherapy and Radiation Patients



"The caps are comfortable, keep me warm and are pretty. I am grateful for this help as well as the loving hands that did, indeed, make these in love. These small gifts, given to strangers, give a clear and strong message of support and caring within our community."



# **Project History**

Our HCE Stitches of Love project began in January 2002 with information obtained from the American Cancer Society and local hospitals. We learned there is huge need to serve cancer patients.

Volunteers (HCE members and friends) help with cutting fabric at workshops, and sewing, knitting and crocheting of hats in the comfort of their homes.

We have set our goal to make and distribute 1,000 headwear products per year, and annually we surpass our goal. We service the oncology medical center in the Fox Valley and reach residents of Winnebago, Outagamie, Calumet, Waupaca, Shawano and Green Lake counties.

We continue our labor of love for people we may never meet—so they may look and feel good about themselves while going through treatment.

# **Contacts**

For further information on our services or to volunteer, contact:

Winnebago County UW-Extension (920) 232-1973 711 for Wisconsin Relay (TDD)

Coordinator

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Checks should be made payable to:

Winnebago County HCE Stitches of Love

c/o UW-Extension Office 625 E. County Rd. Y, Suite 600 Oshkosh, WI 54901

# **How Can I Get Involved**

- Sew. knit or crochet
- Launder fabric
- Pattern cutting (workshops are held at J.P. Coughlin Center, Oshkosh)
- Donate supplies, such as yarn, fabric which meet comfort criteria
- Assist with publicity and outreach efforts
- Cash donations
- Designate fund in memoriam
- Provide sponsorship
- \* Adopt as your service project

# Mission Statement

We will make headwear free of charge for cancer patients as an on-going project and will distribute them through local hospitals.

### To achieve our mission:

- We strive to recruit additional volunteers to help make headwear.
- \* We strive to obtain additional funding for supplies.

