

THANK YOU!

This Winter COVID surge has made for some very challenging days at the LAC+USC Medical Center - So many of the staff are out sick, families are restricted from visiting and patients are in need of spiritual and emotional support.



One bright spot has been the outpouring of beautiful handmade blankets from all over Southern California. Full of color and blessed with prayer, we gave these blankets to patients a few days before Christmas. Their faces fill with light when they realize that the beautiful blanket is a gift, handmade for them, by a complete stranger who also took the time to pray for

their healing and wellbeing. In a season when so many are struggling to find their way, the blankets are a tangible reminder of God's love and care for them.

Some folks made a blanket as a part of their ongoing creative practice and sent their creations one at a time throughout the year. Others, like the group of knitters & crocheters at Pacific Palisades church who came together to create their Mustard Seed Ministry - support each other with yarn supply & encouragement. They bring all of their creations for the



congregation to bless before they are given to the hospital. Other churches already have robust crafting ministries and they expanded to include LAC+USC as a recipient. Photos feature blankets from Mustard Seed Ministry at Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church, Phill Aijian dropping off blankets from First Presbyterian Church of Newhall and Areta Crowell and Merilie Robertson bringing blankets from Pasadena Presbyterian Church and Monte Vista Groves. Other donations of beautiful handmade blankets came from Culver City Pres. Church, Calvary Pres. Church, Kirk of the Valley, San Marino Community Church, St. Mark's Pres. Church and Wilshire Pres. Church plus many many individual contributors!!! We are so grateful to each and every one of you!



For those of you eager to try your hand at this...

- Our patients love bright colors!
- Blankets need to be at least 36'x36'
- Blankets need to be handmade – knit, crocheted, quilted or sewn
- Offer prayers for the patient's healing and wellbeing as you create your blanket

We accept donations of handmade blankets year-round. You can reach out to Chaplain Elizabeth at Elizabeth.GibbsZehnder@gmail.com for more details.

Rev. Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder serves as Presbyterian staff chaplain at LAC+USC Medical Center. Chaplaincy at LAC+USC is a witness to God's love for all people made possible by your support through the Presbyteries of the Pacific, San Gabriel (special thanks to San Marino Community Church), San Fernando and Los Ranchos and the Synod of Southern California. Your prayers and financial donations are always welcome. To find out how you can be involved, please contact Chaplain Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder at Elizabeth.GibbsZehnder@gmail.com