



Needlework Guild of Canada

TORONTO BRANCH

ABOUT

The Toronto Branch of the Needlework Guild of Canada is a **registered charity** that has been **providing new clothing and essentials to the needy** through front line social agencies **since 1892.**

Knitters, Crocheters and Sewers alike, have dedicated tens of thousands of hours over the past 134 years!

The Needlework Guild began in Dorset, England in 1882 as a **response to the needs of children orphaned by mining disasters** in Wales. The group later spread to North America.

Our **financial base** is derived solely from **members and monetary donations from corporations, service clubs, foundations, bequests and memorials.**

Mission Statement: *The Needlework Guild of Canada, Toronto Branch provides new handmade or purchased goods to local charitable agencies who care for those in need.*

The Guild's Board

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Executive

Susan Loube – President
Cathy Reith – Past-President
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Coordinators

Wendy Hoffman – Agencies
Cathy Reith – Heritage
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Cathy Kolyn – Purchasing
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Brenda Rathbone – Social Media
Judy Ponsford – Yarn

Members-at-Large

Cheryl-Anne Scott	Nancy Weatherseed
Heather Crawford	Patricia Glenwright
Joyce Hisey	Sarah Parry
Judy Trogadis	Wendy Kane
Lynn Murray	Yvonne Worthington

The Needlework Guild takes pride in supporting Toronto agencies that care for our most vulnerable community members, ensuring comfort, dignity, and hope through the generosity of our volunteers and donors.



Abiona Centre for Infant and Early Mental Health
Children's Aid Society of Toronto
Elizabeth Fry Toronto
Evangeline Residence
Family Residence
Haven, Toronto
Jessie's, The June Callwood Centre for Young Women
Krasman Centre
LAMP Community Health Centre
Native Child & Family Services of Toronto
New Circles
Robertson House
Romero House
Rosalie Hall
Scarborough Village Residence
Scott Mission
Sistering – A Women's Place
The Neighbourhood Group Community Services
West Neighbourhood House
Women's Habitat of Etobicoke
Yonge Street Mission



The Ask

Together, We Can Strengthen the Most
Vulnerable Members of Our Community



PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TODAY

Your generosity makes the difference.
Your support changes lives.

When you give, you're not just making a donation — **you're creating hope, restoring stability, and building a stronger, more compassionate community for everyone.**

Every day, individuals and families in our community face challenges that no one should have to navigate alone.

A donation today provides immediate, meaningful assistance to those who need it most. It helps ensure that vulnerable community members have access to **wellness supports**, and the **dignity** of being seen, valued, and cared for.

TO DONATE, VISIT: <https://needleworkguild.ca/donate/>



Each year, **Social Agencies receive new, clean, and thoughtfully chosen items** for infants, children, teens, families, seniors, homeless and neglected.

Through generous cash donations, the Guild is able to **purchase toiletries, newborn and under garments** items to help meet the changing needs of our agencies.

Agencies receive their Needlework Guild **“Donation Package” in November** each year. The Camp Kits are distributed in June.

In November 2025, the Needlework Guild distributed 7,702 handmade items and 9,620 purchased items to our agencies, who helped 283,037 clients.

Infants

Newborn to 2 Years

Neck warmers / Toques
Mitts / Booties / Sleepers
Cardigans / Outfits
Blankets / Change pads
Soft toys

Toddlers

2-6 Years

Neck warmers Toques
Mitts / Socks / Tights
Underwear / Sweaters
Jackets / Clothing

Children

7-12 Years

Scarves / Toques
Mitts / Sleepwear
Socks / Tights
Underwear / Sweaters
Jackets / Clothing

Teens & Adults

Scarves / Toques + Mitts
Sleepwear / Socks
Underwear / Sweaters
Jackets / Clothing
Vests + Shawls
Afghans / Leg-warmers

Hygiene Kits

Toothbrush / Toothpaste
Soap / Shampoo
Razor / Deodorant / Comb
Shaving cream / lotion

Layettes

Newborn to 3 months

Bath towel / Washcloths
Sleepers / Crib Blanket / Quilt
Receiving Blankets / Bibs
Sweater & Hat Set
Socks / Booties
Soft Toy
Changing Pad
Baby soap / Petroleum Jelly
Baby Wipes / Disposable
Diapers

Camp Kits

Toothbrush / Toothpaste
Soap / Shampoo
Washcloth / Comb



The Financials

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REVENUE Dec 31,	2025	2024	2023
Donations - Members	21,910	19,611	17,045
Donations – Corporate	-	-	3,140
Donations – In Memoriam	830	2,265	1,470
Donations - Other	1,164	1,000	-
HST/GST Rebate	2,027	1,396	1,247
Knitted Toy Gifts	1,493	2,341	60
Interest & miscellaneous	<u>36</u>	<u>991</u>	<u>1,273</u>
TOTAL	<u>27,460</u>	<u>27,604</u>	<u>24,235</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Articles Purchased	19,698	32,537	17,382
Yarn	716	769	942
Printing & Office Supplies	736	449	209
Website	1,051	1,102	1,102
Annual Meeting & Report	854	1,478	579
Knit-In-The-Park	86	-	35
Distribution-truck, rent, goods	508	845	661
Honorariums	<u>600</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>600</u>
TOTAL	<u>24,249</u>	<u>37,580</u>	<u>21,510</u>

Net Income (loss)	<u>3,211</u>	<u>(9,976)</u>	<u>2,725</u>
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Assets: Bank account	35,364	10,830	15,673
GIC	-	20,987	26,534
Prepays and A/R	<u>120</u>	<u>457</u>	<u>217</u>
	<u>35,484</u>	<u>32,274</u>	<u>42,424</u>

Liabilities: Accounts Payable	-	-	174
Surplus:	35,484	32,274	<u>42,250</u>
	<u>35,484</u>	<u>32,274</u>	<u>42,424</u>

The Needlepoint Guild **Makes a Difference** in Our Communities | Testimonials



YONGE STREET MISSION From: Zana Ferataj, Administrative Assistant, Yonge Street Mission, | May, 2026 <https://www.ysm.ca/>

"I also wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many years of support and generosity that NGC has shown to Yonge Street Mission. Your donations and continued partnership have made a meaningful difference, and we are deeply thankful for every contribution and every act of support you have extended over the years.

It is incredible to see the impact NGC is making, not only in supporting Yonge Street Mission but also in reaching and helping so many organizations and agencies within the community. The scale of care, generosity, and commitment reflected in your work is remarkable, and it is wonderful to see how many lives are being touched through your efforts.

Please also extend our sincere thanks to your amazing and talented team. The work they do is creating real change and bringing support, hope, and care to those who need it most. Behind every donation and every initiative is a team of dedicated people making a lasting difference, and that deserves to be recognized and celebrated.

Thank you again for your kindness, partnership, and unwavering support over the years. We are incredibly grateful and value our relationship with NGC very much."



WOMEN'S HABITAT OF ETOBICOKE From: Citlali Robledo, Donor Services Coordinator | November 5, 2025 <https://womenshabitat.ca/>

"Women's Habitat would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to The Needlework Guild of Canada for your generous donations of toiletries, baskets for babies, personal care items, handmade clothing, and blankets. Your kindness continues to make a meaningful difference for the women and children we support. Thank you once again for your compassion and continued partnership."



LAMP COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE From: Camisha Johnson, Manager, Children's Programs | November 21, 2025 <https://lampchc.org/>

"I wanted to extend my sincere thanks to your agency for the generous donation of baby items. Our families are truly grateful, and the items couldn't have come at a better time. Many parents are facing financial and emotional challenges, and your contribution has offered practical help. Thank you for supporting the South Etobicoke community. Your partnership helps us continue to support our families and provides a welcoming environment with the resources they need."

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SISTERING

From: Julie Dumaresq-Turgeon, Social Enterprise Associate / Spun Program | November 5, 2024 <https://sistering.org/>

"It felt good to spend some time with you all yesterday. I saw all the hard work you do to help less fortunate people. Thank you very much for your donation to Sistering. I brought some items to the drop-in this morning hoping that it will help our participants. Don't hesitate to reach out if you need my help in the future."



YONGE STREET MISSION

From: Angie Peters, President & CEO | November 18, 2025 <https://www.ysm.ca/>

"Thank you for your kind donation of Handmade knitted items to Yonge Street Mission. The support you've provided allows us to make a vital and immediate impact, while also providing a pathway which fosters long-term change in the lives of street-involved youth, families in need, and adults experiencing chronic poverty here in Toronto. We are truly grateful for your donation. We know our goal to end chronic poverty in Toronto in one generation is ambitious. Even so, with the generous support of donors like you we fervently believe it is achievable. Thank you for partnering with us to change lives, build communities, and transform Toronto. We couldn't do our important work without you!"



NATIVE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO

From: Cordelia Fox, Ninoshe, Mothers In Mind Program, Dtebashkine Bawaajige (Dream Keepers) Team | November 4, 2024 <https://nativechild.org/>

"I just wanted to extend a big Miigwetch/Thank You to you and the whole Needlework Guild for the donations. The diapers have been included in our Diaper Bank program, where families are able to access diapers and wipes twice a month. And the knitted goods will be handed out at our Winter Solstice event. The baby bundles will be handed out to our pre-post natal program participants. Thank you so much"



SCARBOROUGH VILLAGE RESIDENCE From: Camille Winchester, Activities Organizer, Toronto Shelter and Support Services | November 4, 2025 <https://www.torontocentralhealthline.ca/>

"Thank you so much for coordinating the very generous donation from the amazing Needlework Guild of Canada! We received it in two deliveries – one last week and the second we received yesterday. Thank you for the toiletries, personal items like toothbrushes, hairbrushes, shavers, underwear and, of course, the beautifully handmade toques, mitts, scarves, afghans and sweaters! When the temperatures outside eventually turn way down below the zero mark, we are certain these very useful items will be well received by the senior residents here at Scarborough Village Residence – with much gratitude and relief. Much thanks to The Needlework Guild!"