

## Mat Ministry



**Mat Ministry** - This is an important ministry in progress at home right now and we need many volunteers. The GWOH and SAM Teams are transforming plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats for the homeless. This Mat Ministry requires many hands to produce one mat measuring 2½ by 6½ feet. Around 500-700 bags have to be prepared into “plarn” and then crocheted. We need empty bags, many more volunteers to make “plarn” (very simple after watching a video that can be found on YouTube) and, after tying the plastic strips together, roll them into a tight plarn ball, and volunteers who can crochet (a large Q or N hook is needed).

The back porch of LoC is being used as a drop off and pick up point for all supplies. You will find a blue bin for empty bags, a large black garbage bag sitting inside a box marked “plarn,” and another large black plastic bag for the scraps that are left when you make plarn once the handles and seamed edges from the plastic bags are cut off. Please save all plastic scraps (including bags that have holes or are ripped) for Cindy Kemp who is helping our Moravian neighbors by collecting plastic. Our goal is to make 50 sleeping mats. Thanks for your help.

**Questions: Linda Maule (610-258-5006) or LoC church office (610-691-2321).**

**Mat Ministry - SOS!!** We need many more hands to turn the plastic bags we’ve collected into plarn for those who are crocheting mats. The process is quite easy - take each bag, smooth it out lengthwise, fold it several times upon itself until you have a narrow strip, cut off the handles at the top, cut off the seam at the bottom, fold the strip in half and cut at the folded edge, fold again in half and cut again at the folded edge. You should now have 4 strips that can be fastened together by looping the ends of the strips over each other and pulling gently so the knot is as small as possible. Keep knotting strips together and then roll them up into a ball. Please save your plastic scraps and any bags that were not usable and bring them to the back porch of Light of Christ along with your balls of plarn. You will see where to put them. Bags for making plarn are available on the porch at Light of Christ or have been taken inside. Make arrangements to pick up bags with Sandy Horwath at LoC (484-666-1731) and she will happily supply you with as many bags as you need. **PLEASE HELP - thank you!**