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Charity Feature - Handmade Especially for You

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After selling her stock photo agency in 2007, Leslye Borden began knitting special projects for her family. When they started giving away her handmade goods, she decided to craft for charity. After working with various charity organizations, Borden founded the 501(c)(3) organization Handmade Especially for You in 2008. The goal of the organization is to support women in shelters by providing them with unique handmade comfort scarves. The majority of women who enter domestic violence shelters have only

the clothes that they are wearing. It is Borden's dream that every one of these will one day receive a scarf as a sign of support and love.

In 2009, Handmade Especially for You donated over 6,500 scarves to women's shelters in California. This year, they hope to increase this number to over 10,000. So far, scarves have only been distributed in California, but with new chapters cropping up across the United States, the charity is growing a national presence.

Handmade Especially for You never sends two identical scarves to the same shelter, so volunteers are encouraged to make each scarf as unique as its recipient. Knit or crochet scarves should be at least 60 inches long and no more than 5 inches wide. Open stitch patterns are preferred for distribution in warm climates. Handmade Especially for You's most popular scarves are made with exciting shades of Fun Fur. We recommend trying patterns like our knitted Plush Scarf or crocheted Fabulous Fling Scarf.

Completed scarves, extra yarn, and monetary donations may be sent to the following address:

Handmade Especially for You
c/o Leslye Borden
30065 Grandpoint
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

For more information on Handmade Especially for You, visit their website at www.handmadeespecially.org