

The Dulaan Project

KNITTING TO WARM MONGOLIA



Dulaan is the Mongolian word for warm. Think of it as not just being physically warm, but also the warm heart of human love, and the warm feeling that grows from knowing that you have touched a life, even on the other side of the world.

The Dulaan Project is an effort of the Flagstaff International Relief Effort (F.I.R.E., 501c3). The project seeks to inspire the generous spirit of the knitting community to help meet the urgent needs of Mongolia's impoverished people.

Mongolia's winter is extreme; the capital city, Ulaanbaatar, is the coldest capital in the world. It rarely gets above freezing on winter days, and can often plunge to -40°F at night. To survive, many of the homeless live in the heating ducts below the nation's cities. Warm, well-made clothing can allow a child to go to school or an adult to go to work; restore a sense of dignity; and, in some cases, literally save a life. Since 2005, FIRE has received, shipped and distributed over 42,000 hand made items from around the world, directly to the people of Mongolia.



How To Help

Participation in The Dulaan Project is simple:

- Please use any yarn and color you like. There is a need for hats, mittens, socks, scarves, sweaters, blankets and more. Sizes are needed for all ages from toddlers to adults. Links to possible patterns are posted at www.fireprojects.org/patterns.htm, including one for double-thick fleece blankets that require no knitting or sewing. We encourage knitters and non-knitters alike to participate.
- When packing your items, write your name and address, as well as the number of items you are sending, on a piece of paper. Put the paper into an envelope and tape the envelope securely to the outside of the box. Inventory forms and receipts are available at www.dulaan.org.
- Send your items to **The Dulaan Project, F.I.R.E., PO Box 22187, Flagstaff, AZ 86002**. Please send items by May 1.

Receipts

- The Flagstaff International Relief Effort is a 501c.3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. Please save a copy of your inventory form for tax purposes. Contact us if you have additional tax needs.

Tell your friends!

- Give this flyer to other knitters; place take-away copies at your local yarn shop; email the project link to your address link list; post the flyer on your favorite knitting blog; publish information about the project in your guild's newsletter; and encourage everyone to pass it on!

Stay Tuned

- Check www.dulaan.org for updates, the Dulaan tally, receipts, inventory forms, news coverage, links, photos and more...

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