# **Host a Knitting Gathering**

## Why Host?

Winter can be isolating for many of us as the colder months keep us from outings, daily walks, gardening or yard work and other opportunities to see and connect with neighbors, friends or family.

By hosting a knitting gathering, you are providing space for community connections at a time when it is most needed.

You are also taking an active role in uplifting this project! Knitting a hat can take 8-10 hours, so encouraging others with their projects is a great way to keep momentum.

#### Where to Host

- The Lounge at the Dublin Community Recreation Center is open to adults with a DCRC membership, Lounge membership (ages 55+ only) or day pass during its operational hours. Sometimes programs, like card games, are scheduled in the space, so it is recommended to check out the calendar in The Lounge before planning your gathering.
- The Hub at the Dublin Community Recreation Center is open to adults Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., as long as there are no special events planned for the space.
- The Dublin Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library has reservable spaces for gatherings.
- Places of worship, homes and community clubhouses may be other options for your gathering!

#### What to Provide

Hosting a knitting gathering is easy! Since your guests are bringing their projects and supplies with them, all you need to provide is a place for people to sit and converse while working on their projects. To make a cozy vibe, you may want to provide hot drinks or other refreshments.

### **Conversation Starters**

- 1. How long have you been knitting? Have you created other projects?
- 2. What made you interested in this project, knitting hats for cancer patients?
- 3. Have you ever been given a homemade gift that meant a lot to you? Or received a gift from a stranger that made a big impact?
- 4. How do you think receiving a knitted hat will impact a cancer patient recipient? What need(s) will it meet?
- 5. What other needs do you see in our community? How can we work together to meet them?

#### Let Us Know!

If you host a gathering, we want to hear about it! Email volunteer@dublin.oh.us and let us know how it went and any thoughts you want to pass along. Pictures welcomed!



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