



The LWML in **Bronxville, New York**, gathered 77 Personal Care Kits for the 2013 Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit Donation. Kits included soap, towels, toothbrushes, and other personal hygiene products to be distributed to various parts of the world to those in need. LWML member Sharon Petersen [right] said, "In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence

as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush ... and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world. The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath."

For information on how to donate goods for a relief kit, go to lwr.org/getinvolved/personalcarekits.



The members of **Trinity LWML of Auburn, Nebraska**, invited all the women and young ladies of the congregation to join them for an afternoon of sewing and Christian fellowship. These wonderful women made beautiful dresses from pillowcases as well as diapers from used T-shirts. Twenty-one ladies made 48 dresses and 6 dozen diapers that will be sent to needy children in distant countries. Fantastic!



Past LWML President **Ida Mall** is a featured speaker for the biennial conference of the Women's Leadership Institute of Concordia University Wisconsin on May 14–16, 2014. Under the theme "Christ-Connected Women," other speakers include Monique Nunes and Sharla Fritz, Bible study leader. [See Sharla's article on pages 10–11 of this issue.]

Prior to the conference, the WLI will offer a School for Speakers and a School for Writers on May 12–14, to educate, equip, and encourage women to use their God-given gifts in public speaking and professional writing. The Clarion Hotel, near the Milwaukee airport, will host the events.

For more information, visit the WLI website at www.acui.org/wli/.

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Gifts of Love

Returning God's Blessings

Iconic, inspiring, and inviting!
That sums up our time spent at the LWML Convention in Pittsburgh.

Thankful for opportunities to:

- **speak** to the entire assembly about the vital partnership of your Gift Planners, Pat Bilow (part-time) and Linda Gage, along with the LCMS Foundation
- **lead** an interest session on charitable planning for 127 people
- **introduce** 12 of our Gifts of Love Advocates and Supporters serving in 9 of our 40 LWML Districts
- **explain** about our Gifts of Love ministry and how it helps LWML women and their husbands understand the benefits of including the Lord's work in well-planned, prayerfully considered charitable gift plans
- **staff** the Gifts of Love booth throughout the convention, offering ways to connect with individuals about their desire to bless their family and the Lord's ongoing work
- **participate** in the Friday night Block Party, transforming the Gifts of Love booth into a carnival-style game area, where people stood 4 to 6 people deep in line! In two hours, 245 people came through, resulting in 22 people who requested additional information or a personal contact, 50 who self-identified as remembering LWML in their will, and 75 who are in need of a will.

We give thanks to God for the abundant opportunities He provides — through the Gifts of Love ministry — to serve Him and His people in practical and important ways that make an eternal difference!

For more information about Gifts of Love Ministry or charitable estate planning, go to www.lwmlgiftplan.org, call 1(800) 741-4138, or email lwmlgiftplanner@lwml.org. Please consider naming LWML in your estate plan. Our legal name is Lutheran Women's Missionary League.