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**Honoring Our Veterans**  
***“Knit-Wits at Pebble” Find A Way to Show Their Support Year ‘Round***

**Las Vegas, Nev. – Nov. 7, 2011** – A lot of people honor our country’s veterans on Veterans Day. But, the “Knit-Wits at Pebble” find a unique way to honor our veterans all year long. To show their patriotism, they knit and crochet beautiful red, white and blue lap robes (similar to small afghans) for patients at Solari Hospice Care. It’s their way of distinctly saluting the dedication and sacrifices of our country’s servicemen and servicewomen in their final days.

“This wonderful group of about 50 ladies – ages 65 to well into their 90s – believe you are never too old to volunteer,” explains Shari Diebold, volunteer coordinator, Solari Hospice Care. “Since some of them can no longer go out into the community to help, because of poor health or mobility issues, they have found a great way to give back to the community from right where they are sitting.”

According to We Honor Veterans, a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), one out of every four dying Americans is a veteran. Solari Hospice Care is honored to provide care and comfort to a number of these veterans throughout the year.

Diebold explains that the “Knit-Wits at Pebble” lap robes are given to nurses, volunteers and other caregivers to distribute to patients both in their homes and at the Solari Hospice Care Inpatient Home, located at 5530 S. Jones Blvd. She notes that the patients are truly touched when they receive the lap robes. “All of the patients are allowed to keep the robes, and they often become very special mementos. People are especially appreciative of the patriotic lap robes. They are very popular. We’re often told by family members that the lap robes were the last thing their loved ones had over their shoulders or on their laps when they passed away.”

The “Knit-Wits at Pebble” also make lap robes in other colors for Solari Hospice Care patients who are not veterans. “We have literally received hundreds of these lovely lap robes in a rainbow of colors throughout the years,” says Diebold. “The work is just beautiful. All of the patients are so touched when they are given one. The last time I personally presented a lap robe to a patient, she literally burst into tears, because it had been such a long time since someone had given her a gift like that.”

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The “Knit-Wits at Pebble” get together several times a week to make the lap robes. They meet in the club house at the Destinations Senior Living at Pebble Apartments, 1450 E. Pebble Rd., where the members reside. Marie Walsh is the “Knit-Wits at Pebble” group leader. For more information, contact Shari Diebold, volunteer coordinator, Solari Hospice Care, at 702-870-0000.

Solari Hospice Care is devoted to helping people live with dignity and comfort by providing trusted and professional hospice care in the Las Vegas community. Focused on enhancing the quality of life for patients and their loved ones, Solari’s exemplary team of physicians, pharmacists, registered nurses, certified nursing aides, social workers, administrative staff and counselors are specially trained to offer the most compassionate and comforting care designed for each patient’s unique needs. To learn more about Solari Hospice Care, please visit [www.solarihospice.com](http://www.solarihospice.com), e-mail [info@solarihospice.net](mailto:info@solarihospice.net) or follow @SolariHospice on Twitter or Facebook.

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