



DISTRICT 7150 ROTARY GIVES GIFT OF READING TO OB CARE CENTER

This year the annual Rotary conference of District 7150 was a 'hare-raising' and educational experience. More than 100 volunteers organized 300 gift boxes of reading materials for the OB Care Center at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare. The gifts were developed to support new mothers with baby books and help them begin a life long love of reading to their children.

The Rotarians donated nearly 1,000 books, along with baby tee shirts that said "Read to Me" and created 'boo-boo' bunnies out of washcloths and ribbons. The bunny is used to hold an ice cube and place on a 'boo boo' for cooling comfort.

"The Literacy Committee of District 7150 was the real driver behind this project," said Larry Calabrese, District Governor. "Their team, along with volunteers, provided the set up and assembly materials for each gift box. It is estimated that one in five adults are illiterate and two-thirds of them are women. We know that reading to children at an early age is important for their life long success. And the earlier you begin the greater the learning for your child."

The OB Care Center staff commented about how much the patients love the gifts and how each parent looks forward to reading to their little one. A very special thanks to the members of District Rotary 7150 from all of us at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare.