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Loose Ends Project Connects Volunteer Crafters With Families Seeking to Complete Unfinished Handwork Left Behind by Loved Ones

Loose Ends Project, a global nonprofit crafting network, is easing grief, building community, and inspiring generosity by matching skilled volunteer “finishers” with textile projects left unfinished due to a crafter’s death or declining health.

In just two years, Loose Ends has grown into a worldwide community of nearly 36,000 volunteer finishers across every U.S. state and 84 countries.

Founded by knitter-quilter and nonprofit entrepreneurs Masey Kaplan (Portland, ME) and Jennifer Simonic (Seattle, WA), Loose Ends provides a free, simple way for grieving families and friends to honor their loved ones by completing sweaters, quilts, blankets, and other handwork projects that would otherwise remain undone. Skilled volunteers finish each project and return it to its intended recipient—often creating a powerful moment of comfort and connection.

“Handmade items are gestures of love,” says Kaplan. “When a maker dies mid-project, that tangible expression of care can be lost. Our volunteers finish these pieces so they can be used, held, and cherished—just as the maker intended.”

The idea for Loose Ends was born when Kaplan and Simonic realized they shared the same experience: friends turning to them to complete the unfinished projects of loved ones. They were always eager to help, knowing firsthand the meaning behind a handmade gift. But not everyone has access to an experienced crafter. Loose Ends fills that gap by connecting people with a trusted, global, volunteer-driven network.

“Crafters have always been generous—creating for hospitals, shelters, and schools,” says Simonic. “Loose Ends gives us one more way to offer kindness to a stranger.”

Loose Ends by the Numbers

- Nearly 36,000 volunteer finishers around the world
- More than 4,000 projects to date

How It Works

Anyone can submit a project or sign up to volunteer at LooseEnds.org. The service is free.

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