

# Please Help Wool Gatherings Prevent Shaken-Baby Syndrome

We at Wool Gatherings have recently gotten to know Kara Rieger and Bill Weishaar. They had the unspeakable happen in July, 2011 when they lost their 13-month old daughter, Lily, after she was shaken at a home day care in Eureka. Lily's mother, Bill and Lily's aunt Kathy came to Wool Gatherings to learn to knit so they can make hats for a project called "Click for Babies" Period of Purple Crying Campaign.

The "Click for Babies" project is a grass-roots campaign operating in a number of states and Canada. The project seeks to spread awareness about the Period of Purple Crying - the first five months of life when the amount of infant crying becomes frustrating and overwhelming to caregivers. The campaign's ultimate goal is to prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome. You can learn more at [clickforbabies.org](http://clickforbabies.org).

Wool Gatherings has decided to help Lily's parents by enlisting all the knitters and crocheters we know to help make purple baby hats. We are stocking a variety of purple yarns, we have baby hat patterns free of charge, and we are giving a 30% discount on all yarns purchased for charity knitting. Wool Gatherings will also serve as a drop-off site for the finished hats.

Here's what you can do:

- Knit or crochet as many newborn baby hats as you can. The hats need to be at least 50% purple -- any shade.
- Spread the word to all the knitters and crocheters you know.
- Drop off completed hats at Wool Gatherings between now and November, 2012.

Wool Gatherings will get the hats to Lily's parents who will give them to the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome. The center will distribute the hats (along with information about the Period of Purple Crying and Shaken Baby Syndrome) to hospitals which will give them to as many families of babies born in November as possible.

Thank you for your participation and support!