



HUGS IN MOTION OCTOBER 2026

The Mountain Hug Project Newsletter

A MONTH OF MOMENTUM, COMMUNITY, AND CONNECTION

The Mountain Hug Project has just wrapped up one of its busiest months yet, filled with generosity, collaboration, and an outpouring of support from our Estes Valley community. As we continue building on the foundation laid earlier this year, the pace has quickened and the impact has grown.

Word is Getting Out!

This month brought a remarkable milestone: 16 Hugs donated by local quilters and crocheters...and 16 Hugs delivered to local organizations serving individuals and families throughout the Estes Valley. Word is reaching us from our partners that the individuals receiving Hugs are truly feeling their impact. Whether facing illness, instability, or difficult transitions, each Hug is offering a moment of warmth and connection at a time when it's needed most. Giving Hugs to those who need hugs most!

A Growing Wave of Requests

Our local partners have responded with enthusiasm and trust, reaching out with new Hug requests that reflect both need and community connection. Current requests include:

- Little Hugs: 4
- Warm Hugs: 2
- Holiday Hugs: 60
- Big Hugs: 6
- Helping Hugs: 6

As cooler fall weather settles into the valley, these smaller-sized Hugs will be especially appreciated offering warmth, reassurance, and a reminder that no one faces hardship alone.

Holiday Hugs: A Seasonal Call to Makers

The holiday season is approaching, and with it comes a special opportunity to spread cheer. We have received a request for 60 Holiday Hugs, 12-inch handmade Christmas stockings that will be gifted to both children and adults across multiple organizations here in Estes Park. These Holiday Hugs are a perfect way for makers to use festive fabric, leftover materials, and creative flair to brighten someone's season. A free pattern/tutorial has been posted on our website, under 'Guidelines & Patterns', to assist those that have not made stockings before. Each stocking becomes a moment of joy, a spark of hope, and a tangible reminder that the community cares.

If you're a quilter, sewer, or crafter, we would love your help in meeting this meaningful holiday goal.

Looking Ahead

With fall underway and the holidays on the horizon, The Mountain Hug Project is entering a season of giving, gratitude, and community connection. We are deeply thankful for every maker, partner, and supporter who helps us put Hugs in Motion. Drop us an email if you are able to help, have questions, or ideas!

If you can donate a Hug, donate fabric or materials, share our mission, or help spread the word, your support keeps this project growing.

Together, we make the valley a little warmer.

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PHOTO: FIRST LITTLE HUG
PANEL QUILT

Hugs by the Numbers

Hugs Received: 16
Hugs Delivered: 16
Hugs Requested: 78

Current Needs

Little Hugs: 4
Big Hugs: 6
Warm Hugs: 2
Helping Hugs: 6
Holiday Hugs: 60

Upcoming Events

National Philanthropy Day
November 19, 2026

Colorado Gives Day
December 9, 2026



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