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TUCOEMAS' Hats for Hope event to aid local cancer patients

VISALIA — On Saturday, Oct. 4, TUCOEMAS Federal Credit Union will sponsor “Hats for Hope,” a knitting open house to make hats for people experiencing hair loss, particularly as a result of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

The open house, which will coincide with Breast Cancer Awareness Month, will allow community members to make one-of-a-kind knit hats or lap blankets from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2300 W. Whitendale Ave. Hats and blankets will be donated to the Sequoia Regional Cancer Center and the local American Cancer Society chapter.

“These days, everybody has been touched by cancer in some way — it’s near and dear to everyone’s hearts,” said Dawn Bills, marketing manager of TUCOEMAS Federal Credit Union. “We thought this might be one way everybody can help.”

Whether people have a knack for knitting or have no experience, they are invited to attend the open house and donate their time for a cause. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own knitting supplies. TUCOEMAS will provide a limited supply of yarn and looms at the event, along with light refreshments. Those who cannot attend can make hats or lap blankets in advance, and drop them off at TUCOEMAS’ Whitendale Branch. All hat sizes are needed for children and adults. Donations of hat-making supplies will also be accepted.

In its 60th year, TUCOEMAS Federal Credit Union employs 103 people at its four branches — two in Visalia, one in Tulare and one in Porterville — and serves more than 36,000 members in Tulare County. Branch locations are:

- 2300 W. Whitendale Ave., Visalia
- 5222 W. Cypress Ave., Visalia
- 1233 E. Prosperity Ave., Tulare

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