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Jasmine Carbajal, left, and Stephanie Maldonado make hats during the "Hats for Hope" event Saturday at TUCOEMAS Federal Credit Union on Whitendale Avenue.

# tip of the hat

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Rosana Nichols carefully slipped a small hook around a piece of fuzzy, multi-colored yarn on the loom she held in her hands Saturday. Nichols' loom was one of many made by community members in the last few weeks to create more than 500 hats donated to the TUCOEMAS Federal Credit Union "Hats for Hope" charity event.

Nichols brought along friends and family to the open house Saturday at the Whitendale Avenue branch of TUCOEMAS. There, participants either dropped off already-made hats or lap blankets, or were provided with the supplies and tools to make one on the spot.

Nichols and her two children, 12-year-old Lawrence and

easy-to-use looms provided by the credit union in order to make hats which will be donated at the end of this week to the American Cancer Society and the Sequoia Regional Cancer Center. The hats will go to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy who may lose their hair, or just need to stay warm.

Community members donate more than 500 hats to help patients contend with challenges of cancer

## Want to throw your hat in the ring?

There's still time to donate to Hats for Hope. Handmade hats can be donated at any TUCOEMAS Federal Credit Union branch through Friday.

- ▶ 2500 W. Whitendale Ave., Visalia
- ▶ 5222 W. Cypress Ave., Visalia
- ▶ 1233 E. Prosperity Ave., Tulare
- ▶ 1389 W. Henderson Ave., Porterville

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