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The majority of items arrived in September and October. The New floor plan worked very well for children's items.

Non wearables: A total of 330 Children's items were for sale, 267 were sold, 33 items were donated to the Awo Taan native Women's shelter and 29 are carried over for the 2017 sale.

Wearables: A total of 306 items were for sale, 207 were sold, 12 items were returned to the makers, 56 were donated; these were mostly 2015 carried over items. 31 items were carried over for the 2017 sale.

The committee members are very happy with these results. Dresses, sweaters, cardigans and interesting colourful hats continue to be popular items. Knit T-shirts were a huge hit; a total of 75 sold. About half of the aprons sold. Baby booties and hand knitted socks did not sell as well as they did in 2015. Leg warmers and boot toppers for children seem to be no longer in fashion.

Small character animals and figures sold very well. Knitted blankets sold well due to very low prices a strategy used to reduce this inventory. Animals and dolls of all sizes sold well, everything from finger puppets to a huge "Charley Brown" and bear. Doll items and carrier blankets didn't sell very well. Crib quilts and growth chart hangings were hard to sell and low prices do not justify for all the work that is involved in these.

Quite a few customers asked for crayon or small car holders that we did not have this year. The small bags with boxes of crayons did not sell.

I would like to extend a big thank you to my fellow committee members Sandra and Susan and the many volunteers who made, sold and took care of pricing.