

Pioneer Quilters Guild

Community Service Responsibilities

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PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Plan, schedule and staff workdays.
2. Plan May meeting along with Programs
3. Have kits prepared for Guild members to sew
4. Disperse sewn items to appropriate organizations in the community
5. Inform Guild board of community service plans by March
6. Give committee report at monthly Guild meeting

1) The purpose of Community Service is stated in the Guild by-laws and exists to fulfill the Guild's tax exempt status as a 501(c)7 in California and a 501(c)4 with the IRS. We make sewn items such as: quilts, placemats, Christmas stockings, NICU quilts and breast cancer pillows. These items are donated throughout the community. Organizations receiving donations include Koinonia Foster Group, Kaiser Hospital, Blue Star Moms, UC Davis Hospital, Seniors First, Carr and Camp Fire victims, Lost but not Forgotten, and River Oaks. The donation recipients change occasionally. All of the many donations we give are intended to provide joy to the recipients and express our dedication as a Guild to helping the community.

2) The time commitment for Community Service varies according to leadership style. From 2015 to 2019 Nancy Colwell, Inga Ahlberg, Barbara Victorino, and Trudi Riley-Quinn managed a large group which included four subcommittees: NICU quilts, placemats, quilts and pillowcases. The subcommittees worked during scheduled workdays at SOS church, and at private homes. Each committee spent approximately five to ten hours each month preparing the "kits" that Guild members took home to complete. During other years community service has been smaller in scope because it was chaired by one or two members. Consequently, it is a committee that changes with each leadership style and operates differently from year to year.

Subcommittee chairs during 2015-2019:

NICU-Hallie Tucker and Barbara Bickford

Placemats-Kitty Cortez, Cathy Fitzgibbons, Sandy Weiz, Karen Reyes, Martha Overman, Debbie Brasile

Stockings-Linda Cherry, Lori Ives, Pat Visher, Karen Price

Quilts-(the kits were assembled at the workdays by many members)

3a) Community Service provides Guild members with “kits” to take home and sew. At each Guild meeting a table containing the kits is staffed by Community Service members who hand out the kits and take in the completed items. From February to October the kits are available for members to take. The completed items are given out to organizations throughout the year with a goal of completing the donations by November.

3b) Community Service had traditionally been in charge of the May Guild meeting. For three years we have had guest speakers from the organizations we have given to. Prior to having speakers, the May Guild meeting has been a large meeting during which members bring their sewing machines and sew quilt tops. Programs can help with the May meeting planning.

3c) Community Service works with the Shepard of the Sierras church secretary to schedule workdays in the Community Room. This should be done prior to the new calendar year as the room is used by many organizations.

Budget:

4) Our budget is usually around \$3,500 to \$4,000. The Guild leadership funds Community Service generously and has always supported the needs of the committee. Batting and fabric are the primary expenses, along with rental of the Shepard of the Sierras Community Room.

Other Notes:

In 2017 Community Service purchased a storage cabinet that is housed in the Shepard of the Sierras’ Community Room. It stores ironing boards, cutting boards, fabric and other items. Programs also uses the cabinet. The church, Programs, Community Service, and the Guild secretary all have a key to the cabinet.