



Quilts for Kids:

Volunteer quilters transforming fabrics into patchwork quilts that comfort children in need

Northeast Georgia Chapter

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www.NeGaQuiltsforkids.org

What a way to end 2017!!!

971 quilts delivered, \$717 in donations received, over 2800 yards of fabric donated to us, 1 sewing machine in a cabinet, assorted quilting books and magazines, 12 bags of batting and numerous bags of scraps.

It has truly been a remarkable year of support from everyone. The word is definitely out about the good works that we are doing for the kids in our communities. Also, to let you know that if we receive items we can't use, we find a home for them.

Here's the breakout of quilt donations for 2017:

Northeast Ga Medical Center	279
Family Promise of Hall County	41
Gateway Domestic Violence Shelter	26
CHOA at Egleston	192
CHOA at Scottish Rite	177
Piedmont Athens Regional	137
Other including Houston, Texas	119

We hope that your holiday season has been wonderful and if you want or need something to do in 2018, let me know. I am overwhelmed with fabric donations that need to be sorted, shelved or passed on to the appropriate recipients. I can use some help organizing, cutting, piecing and quilting. Or if you'd like to take some of our many bags of scraps and make masterpieces (size 38x45 inches), let me know. Or join us at one of the several workshops listed on page 6. Bring your lunch and participate in the fun.

Happy New Year!!!

Betty Wright, chapter leader

Northeast Georgia Chapter of Quilts for Kids

One stitch, one quilt, one kid at a time...

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Deborah L and Susan R. delivering quilts on December 20th to seven kids at Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center.

**QUILTING IS
THE ANSWER.
I DON'T CARE
WHAT THE
QUESTION IS.**

FAVEQUILTS

Does anyone agree
with this statement?

Look who made the front page of the third edition
of this new newspaper.

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Meet Your Neighbor: Eagle Ranch

Tucked away in a beautiful rural community setting is a neighbor you may not have met: Eagle Ranch. Just off of Union Church Road, the 310-acre Eagle Ranch campus includes 10 residential homes for children, an acclaimed SACS-accredited school and a therapeutic program that has been a model for other children's programs throughout the United States and abroad.

Eagle Ranch is one of Georgia's largest non-profit residential children's programs. The Christian program provides counseling, education, tools and support to equip children and their families for productive, positive futures.

Children come to Eagle Ranch when their worlds have been turned upside down. Stability

has been shaken and the carefree fun of being a kid is often replaced with anxiety about the future.

Struggling families, the death of a parent, bullying, learning deficits, single parenting challenges, negative peer influence – these are just a few of the difficulties that may lead a child to the Ranch. Regardless of the reason, boys and girls come not knowing how to manage their emotions or work through their struggles. Their families are at a loss for how to help.

The Ranch serves nearly 70 boys and girls, primarily between the ages of 11-13, although the Ranch takes children as young as 8. Each child lives at Eagle Ranch for an average of 18-22 months, working through their struggles with the goal of returning home to their families. Throughout their time at the Ranch, their

families participate in counseling and activities designed to improve relationships, communication, problem-solving and resiliency.

As a not-for-profit organization, Eagle Ranch relies on donations to meet children's needs. The organization is privately-funded through donations from individuals, churches, businesses and community foundations. Children and families can focus on working through their crises without financial burdens. Because of its careful stewardship, Eagle Ranch has received Charity Navigator's highest 4-Star rating.

If you know of a family that may benefit from Eagle Ranch's services, or you would like to find a way to get involved, visit www.EagleRanch.org. The Ranch has numerous volunteer opportunities and provides tours and speakers for local civic groups.



Quilts For Kids Northeast Georgia Chapter

The Northeast Georgia Chapter of Quilts for Kids was started in March 2012 by Betty Wright. Betty worked many years as a lab tech drawing blood from children at DeKalb General Hospital and Decatur Hospital, a short term surgical hospital. Betty witnessed daily the fear children experienced by the many procedures they endured while being a patient at the various hospitals. One day her daughter became sick and had to be hospitalized for 3 weeks. Betty witnessed her own daughter experience the same fears as the children she worked with daily. As time went on, Betty retired from her lab tech position and began working for the

Rotary Governor District 6910 as an Executive Secretary. She saw all the wonderful things the Rotary Club's members did in their communities and she wanted to give to her community as well. She started the Northeast Georgia Chapter of Quilts for Kids with 11 volunteers in 2012 and has grown to over 300 volunteers currently. The first quilt was delivered to a child named Ben on April 6, 2012. As of 7/31/17, 3292 quilts have been donated. The quilts are donated to the Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Family Promise of Hall County, Gateway Domestic Violence Shelter, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and Athens Regional Medical Center. The quilts help to comfort the children during their stay at the various hospitals.

Quilts are delivered every Friday to the patients of the Pediatric Department of Northeast Georgia Medical Center with special deliveries made on some holidays, especially Halloween. This year marked the 7th anniversary for Betty

and Abit Massey as participants in the Halloween deliveries. In addition to delivering quilts to the children, the volunteers visit friends who are hospitalized as well.

Betty and all the volunteers live up to their motto: Volunteer Quilters transforming fabrics into Patchwork Quilts that comfort children in need.

If you would like to help with this wonderful group, please contact Betty at info@negaquiltsforkids.org or visit their website at www.NEGaQuiltsForKids.org.

Current donation needs are: one-gallon size zip lock bags, two-gallon size zip lock bags, batting, and money/gift cards.



Halloween Quilt Deliver by the Boo Crew
Pictured left to right:
Susan Willaims, Patty Graham, Abit Massey,
Betty Rwright, Carol Johnson, Marilyn Johnson,
and Ginny Stump

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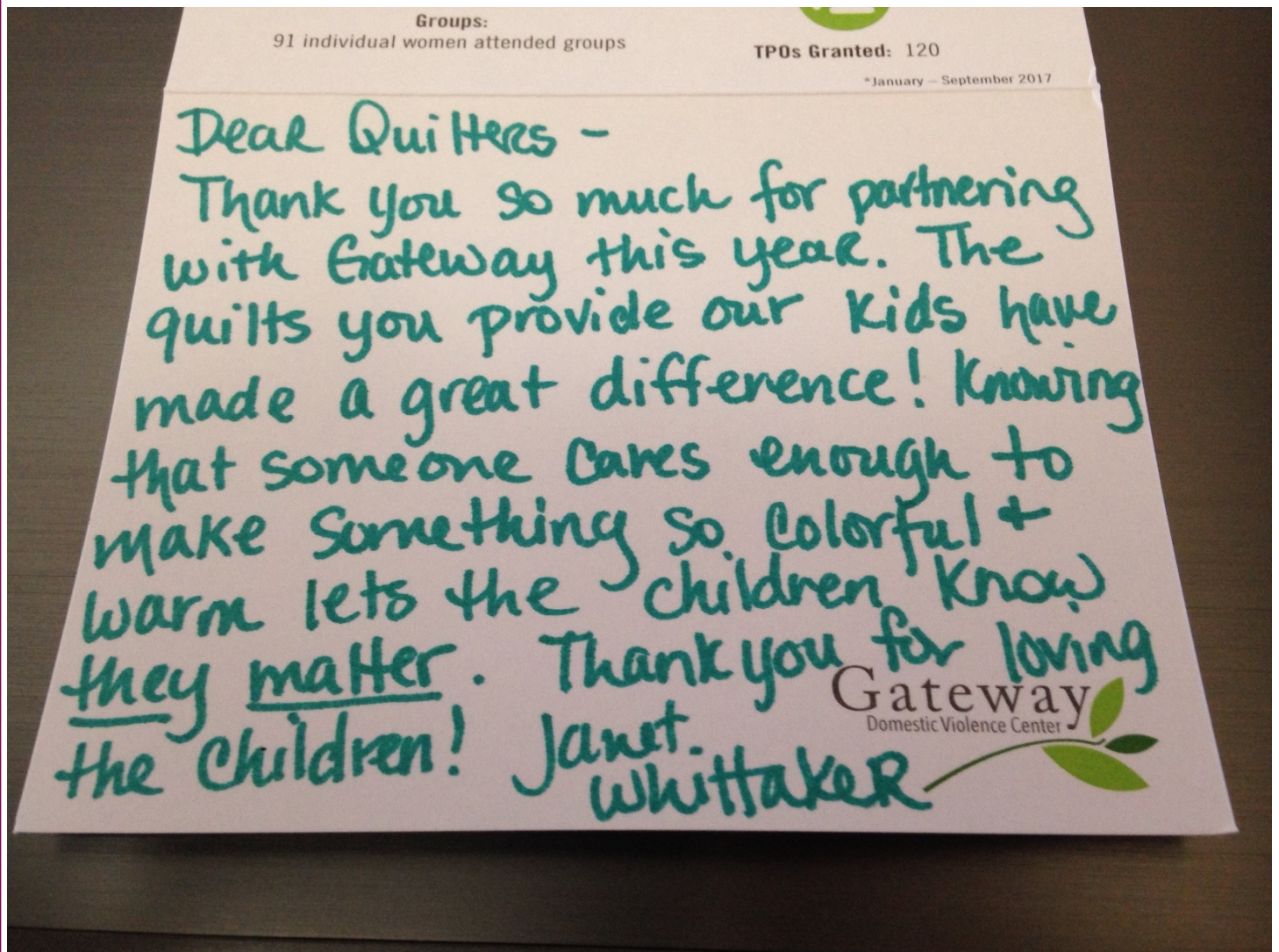
From Quilts for Kids Headquarters:

Subject: Quilt received

Message: We would like to thank Ms. Ida for the beautiful princess quilt that she gave our grandbaby in the Gainesville Georgia Hospital this past Friday. We were very touched by her generosity! What a wonderful program that you have!

Sincerely, Donna C.

From Gateway DV Shelter





Drop off Sites for Quilts

Quilts for Kids *
of this newsletter)

Workshop sites on workshop dates (see last page

Georgia Sewing & Quilting*

81 Maddox Buford. GA

Thread Bear Fabrics

515 Sawnee Corners Blvd #500, Cumming, GA 30040

BettySue's Quilts *

419 Spout Springs Rd # 101, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Tiny Stitches

2518 East Piedmont Rd Marietta, GA 30062

Hall County Quilt Guild *

Chestnut Mtn Presbyterian Church

4733 Winder Hwy

(Hwy 53) Flowery Branch, GA on 1st and 3rd Mondays 10am to noon in Fellowship Hall

Atlanta Sewing Center

2148 Duluth Hwy NE, #111 Duluth, GA 30097

City Square Quilting *

23 City Square Hoschton, GA 30548

* Kits to sign out to sew are available also.

Quilt Deliveries for November 2017

NE Ga Med Ctr

35

Family Promise

1

Scottish Rite (CHOA)

28

13 pillowcases

Egleston (CHOA)

15

13 pillowcases

Piedmont Athens

7

TOTAL

86

This Year

971 Who said we couldn't do it?

Since we started

3454

Workshop Dates

Family Life Center (A/C Room)

First Baptist Gainesville
751 Green Street Gainesville, Ga. 30501
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Jan 4, Feb 1, March 1

Hopewell UMC Fellowship Hall

4723 Hopewell Church Road
Gainesville (Murrayville area)
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Jan 9, Feb 13, March 13

Suwanee Workshop

Bunten Road Park
3180 Bunten Road, Duluth GA 30096
Every 3rd Tuesday 10:00am to 2:00pm
Jan 16, Feb 20, March 20

Nicholson (Quilting with Friends)

175 Lakeview Dr. Nicholson, GA 30565
Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Every Thursday 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Bring your machine or cutting materials and your lunch
and join us for cutting, sewing and fellowship!**



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