



Quilts for Kids:

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

Northeast Georgia Chapter

July 2013

Maybe you have been wondering why so many of the children we have donated quilts to at the hospital have been under 2 years old. Well, I have so I asked about all the newborn patients on the floor this year and was told:

The NICU unit has expanded and is still overflowing onto the pediatric floor. These are babies who aren't well enough to go home after delivery, BUT are not critical and in need of staying in the NICU. On the floor the parents can stay in the room with their baby until time to go home.

To give you an example here's a story from June 28th...

Today's delivery of quilts was to 9 kids at NE Ga Med Ctr for ages 4 days old to 13 years old. One of the precious patients we saw was Paige who may go home on Monday, July 1st. She had been in NICU for 8 weeks and now is on pediatric floor. Can you imagine how excited the mother is to be taking her new baby home?

Please read ahead to view some of the quilts donated this month and to meet one of our first volunteers and a special group of young fellows who have recently joined the ranks of Q4K volunteers.

Our total donations since March 2012 are:

353 quilts and 31 pillowcases

Have a happy and safe 4th of July,

Betty Wright, Chapter Leader



*"A quilt not only warms the heart with beauty,
it warms the body and whispers of love in every stitch. "*



Thanks to the Hall County Optimist Club
for their support and donation
to our chapter!



Some of the
finished
quilts this
month.





Meet Volunteer Jackson Watkins



My name is Jackson Watkins. I live in Ellijay, Georgia with my partner of twenty-one (21) years and our two (2) dogs/children. I was born and raised in Ellijay, but could not wait to leave the small town in early 1976 for the big city of Atlanta. During my years in Atlanta, I worked in the Personnel Dept. of two major corporations before becoming a legal secretary for seventeen (17) years. During the fall of 1997, I was forced to go on permanent disability due to health problems, so we decided to move to Ellijay so that I would be closer to my family.

Growing up in Ellijay, I had the opportunity to spend a great deal of time with my grandmother, which is where my inspiration for quilting arose. She had her quilting frame hanging over the kitchen table, always visible to spark my imagination. She also made me a kid's quilt when I was around six (6) years old, which I still have at age 55. I know she is looking down and is very pleased that she passed the "love of quilting" to me.

I took a beginner quilting class approximately twelve (12) years ago, completing a few small projects and then life got in the way. In February of 2012, I signed up for a 25 Block Sampler class and haven't looked back. The class introduced me to so many different techniques and gave me the confidence to believe that I could tackle any quilting project/technique that I found appealing. During the end of that class, while surfing quilting websites, I came upon the national "Quilt's For Kids" website, clicked the map for the closest chapter, introduced myself to Betty Wright and have been working with her ever since. Once you see the photos of those children receiving their lap quilts, your heart fills up. I am a person who believes in giving back and helping others when the opportunity arises. "Quilts for Kids" has given me an avenue to do just that. During the process of making lap quilts for kids, I continually remind myself of the children that will receive them, and I put as much love into the process as I possibly can.

My advice to others is to find something that truly excites you and be the best at it you can possibly be. Through my working with Betty, I have truly come to understand the meaning of "It is better to give than receive". I hope that my story will help inspire others to give of themselves to those that are less fortunate and see how you feel after the journey.

Tiger Den of Cub Scout Pack 774

Tiger Den of Cub Scout Troop 774 is made up of first grade boys from Yargo Elementary School located in Bethlehem, GA. The Tiger Den leaders are Josh Little and Roger Sopha, and consists of 15 boys. The troop decided to make a fleece tie quilt For Quilts for Kids to earn their Citizenship Belt Loop (for Community Service). They were a little dubious at first about making a quilt, but after the first one was completed they wanted to make two more. Parents, brothers and sisters soon joined in the act, and the three quilts were quickly made. The boys had a lot of fun, and as you can see in the photo, are very proud of their work.



All three blankets are shown here to the left.

Thanks guys!

June Quilts delivered to:

Northeast Ga Med Center	19
Gateway DV Shelter	0
Family Promise of Hall County	0

Pillowcases delivered to:

Family Promise of Hall County	6
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Thanks to:



DONATIONS: Hall County Optimist Club

Fabulous fabric: Hermine P., Cindy H.

Donated quilts: Marilyn J., Sharon Smith & Tiger Den-Cub Scout Pack 774, Peggy G.

Donated pillowcases:

Please direct any questions regarding donations to:

Betty Wright at

NortheastGaQ4K@gmail.com

Quilts for Kids is a 501C3 charity.

New Volunteers & Supporters:

Stella M.

Mary B.

Peggy J.

Lisa B.

Jan K.

Cathy T.

Kay S.

Donna P.

Anna S.

Ida S.

Hall County Optimist Club

Tiger Den Cub Scout Pack 774

Workshop Dates

Family Life Center (A/C Room)

First Baptist Gainesville

751 Green Street Gainesville, Ga. 30501

10:00am to 2:00 pm*

New Hours →

No workshop in July

Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5

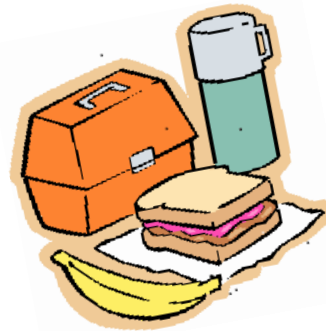
Hopewell UMC Fellowship Hall

4723 Hopewell Church Road

Gainesville (Murrayville area)

July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10

10:00 am to 2:00 pm



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