



Quilts for Kids:

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

Northeast Georgia Chapter

December 2015



As Thanksgiving Day plans are being made, I want to take a break and send this newsletter out sooner than normal. This will give me the opportunity to tell you all how thankful I am for all the volunteers, supporters, friends and family who have been making this incredible journey with me. Quilts for Kids has probably changed our lives in some way, I know that it has mine. Each day is a new experience with hidden treasures along the way.

Saying that we want to comfort kids during their difficult times is our intention, but the reality is that we are comforting their entire family and we receive the greatest gift from this.

As I say each month, it's been a busy month, November has been really different. Let me tell you some of the stories which gives me more to be thankful for, a healthy family, dear friends and loving people who give of themselves to others.

- When going to my dentist for non-routine work last week, I was to see the "new" dentist in the group. As she entered the exam room, she asked if she had seen me before. "No, not here," I replied. "I gave your first daughter a quilt when she was on the pediatric floor of the hospital over two years ago." She remembered and said that the quilt is still being used and the daughter loves it.
- My contact through DFCS emailed to let me know of three new children entering the Foster Care Program. I was going out that day so I volunteered to drop off the 3 quilts at her house. When I arrived, I was able to meet seven of the children she and her husband foster. What a living/dining room full of all age kids! You could feel the love they all shared as they studied or played together. I admire this couple for their dedication.
- Last week I received an email through our website from a mom telling me that her daughter is a frequent patient at CHOA-Scottish Rite, and has never received a quilt. Because of all her medical needs, she will also be going to Egleston in the future. The mom was requesting a quilt for her darling MacKenzie Grace. She is pictured to the right with her new quilt. Please keep her in your prayers as she is facing Open Heart Surgery, braces for her legs and hearing aids. She is a very active little girl who is already a miracle. The mom was adorable and spoke so matter-of-factly of MacKenzie's progress and obstacles to come. Three year old Mason, the brother, spent time with me playing a "fishing" game. He is so well behaved and polite. I don't usually make "house calls" but am so glad that I did this day.



- The next story touched our family since many of us know the family. During the first year of our chapter my step-daughter Tracie went with me on a quilt delivery to the hospital. While we were there, she asked if we could visit friends who had a new baby in NICU. I gave them a quilt for Brecklynn.

This week we heard that 3 year old Brecklynn had suddenly taken ill and was diagnosed with cancer in several organs of her body. A couple of days later she underwent surgery at Egleston to remove tumors in her brain. The surgery was successful and she will begin chemotherapy on Black Friday.

Needless to say, I chose a quilt and took it to Tracie and asked if she could get it to the family for me. (A routine delivery to Egleston may not reach her and I thought that she needed a new quilt filled with hugs to comfort her through this ordeal.) The new quilt was there when she awoke from surgery. Below is the photo of Breck that appears on Facebook which has over 3,000 likes. Please keep her in your prayers too.



- And on a lighter note, last Friday as I made my rounds delivering quilts at the hospital, I was followed by a volunteer who was handing out newspapers to each room. She finished and was exiting the area with me and said..."Ah, the quilts! Every room I went in, everyone said, the people here are so nice. Look at the quilt my kid just got! The quilts, the quilts...." she said shaking her head. I guess Quilts for Kids is a hard act to follow.

It is true that we have so much to be thankful for. May this Thanksgiving be a time of joy for you and know that I appreciate you and the kids love the work you do to provide smiles to them. Thanks for giving so much.

Betty Wright, chapter leader

Northeast Georgia Chapter of Quilts for Kids



From a mother in Athens

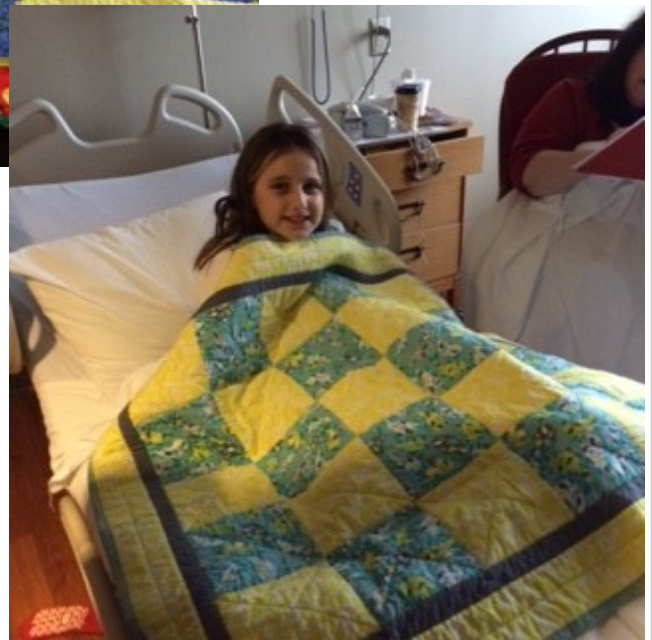
Hi! Kale and I would just like to say "Thanks a bunches" for the books, quilt, and the visit that you made while Kale was in the hospital being treated for pneumonia! And a very special "thank you" to Beth Wallace from Stone Mountain, GA for the precious robot quilt that she made that made Kale so very happy!! Not only did it help to comfort him while he was in the hospital, but it helped a whole lot on those first few days at home when he still wasn't feeling quite his best! And he loves the books, along with his brother and sister! This is a wonderful thing that you all are doing for all the sick kiddos that are out there...not only does it help them to feel better, but it helps their families also!!! You are such a blessing!! Thanks again!! With much love, Michele and Kale H.



ATHENS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Left- Quilts made by the Nicholson Group

Below- Sofia with her new quilt



Drop off Sites for Quilts

Quilts for Kids *	Workshop sites on workshop dates (see page 6 of this newsletter)	
Georgia Sewing & Quilting	81 Maddox Buford. GA	
Thread Bear Fabrics	515 Sawnee Corners Blvd #500, Cumming, GA 30040	
BettySues 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	

* Kits to sign out to sew are available also.

Some of this month's finished quilts.





Workshop Dates

Family Life Center (A/C Room)

First Baptist Gainesville
751 Green Street Gainesville, Ga. 30501

10:00am to 2:00 pm

Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, March 3

Hopewell UMC Fellowship Hall

4723 Hopewell Church Road
Gainesville (Murrayville area)

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, March 8

Suwanee Workshop

1650 Cone Flower Way, Suwanee, 30024

678-807-8714

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

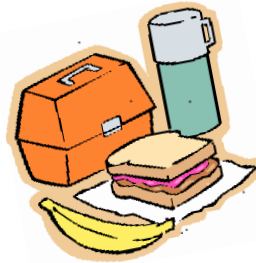
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Sewing only

Dec 15,

Jan 19,

Feb 16, March 15



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