



Quilts for Kids:

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

Northeast Georgia Chapter Celebration Event Special Edition May 2014

On May 1st the Northeast Georgia Chapter of Quilts for Kids celebrated several milestones in our chapter's history. This event was in conjunction with one of the monthly workshops where kits are cut for volunteers to sign out and sew. In attendance were 37 volunteers, spouses and special guests. The milestones celebrated were as follows:

1. March 29th was the chapter's 2nd anniversary. We began with 11 volunteers and today have more than 200 representing several counties in Northeast Georgia. To date 692 quilts have been delivered to kids in need.
2. A Jackson EMC Foundation grant was awarded to the chapter in March and we are well on our way to spending the \$5000 received for purchasing fabric to make our comfort quilts.
3. A resolution to recognize the chapter's accomplishments was presented and passed by both houses of Georgia's legislature recently.

To announce this special recognition were State Senator Butch Miller and State Representative Lee Hawkins. Introducing them was Abit Massey who has been on several quilt deliveries to Northeast Georgia Medical Center with Chapter Leader, Betty Wright.

The recognition was secretly being held from the volunteers as planning for this event was carried out. By the applause and smiles of the group in the group photo (below), one can see that all were pleased by this surprise. "All the volunteers who work with us are incredibly generous with their time and talents to make this project so successful. Many lives have been touched, including their own, by their donations and support," says leader Betty Wright. "We love sewing for the children and in the process, we are making new friends and developing a network of our passion... quilting."



Volunteers (left) watching a cutting demonstration by advisor Elleda Rule.
 (Center back) Marilyn Johnson shows the newbies the paperwork.
 (Right front and back) Rotary cutters at work, Diane Erickson, foreground.



Jane Kesler and Betty Garrett checking out kits that are being cut at the workshop.



Ladies awaiting the start of the program.
 On the right is "veteran" Sue Zarter,
 left is newbie Mary Quisenberry who joined
 that day. Second row left to right:
 Hertha Hepner, Carol Johnson, Joan Gar-
 land, Chris Anderson, Donna Proctor. Jane
 Kesler and Janet George are in the back on
 the right.

Waiting for the "Show" to begin, the Hopewell workshop delegates above, and members of the Gainesville workshop and Hall County Quilt Guild below. Many of us are dual members of guilds and other sewing groups.



Special guest Abit Massey introducing Senator Butch Miller (R) and Representative Lee Hawkins (L)



(Left) A copy of the Senate's Proclamation being presented by Senator Butch Miller to Chapter Leader Betty Wright. (Right) The signed document.



(Below) The copy of the House Resolution being presented by Representative Lee Hawkins to Betty Wright. (Left) The signed document.





(Left: L to R) Lee Hawkins, Betty Wright and Butch Miller

(Below) Senator Miller talking to each volunteer as they stood in the buffet line.



The Cake...yummy!





(Left) Advisor Peggy Gracey cutting the birthday cake. The flowers below were a gift from the volunteers to Betty Wright. Thank you!!!



Quilts turned in recently or during the meeting (continued next page)



Recently
turned in quilts
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Thank You to Abit Massey for making the Celebration Day so special. The UGA quilt was pieced by Betty Wright, long arm-quilted by Joan Garland and the card was signed by all volunteers in attendance.

