



Quilts for Kids:

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

Northeast Georgia Chapter

September 2015

Thanks to the volunteers who have offered to cover our various workshops and delivery sites while I am recovering from surgery to give me a new knee. You'll be seeing new faces signing out kits and picking up finished quilts for the next few weeks .

I'm on the 4th day now and if yesterday is my worst day, this will be a piece of cake. I allowed the pain to get ahead of me setting me back, but now am on the right track. There's just so much to keep up with and to do. Pain meds every 4 hours, do exercises 4 times a day, use the Polar pack on the knee at intervals, wear the compression hose every day but not all day, get up and walk every hour, add coated aspirin to the meds, 2 per day, eat well, drink fluids and get plenty of rest. Excuse me! The day is only 24 hours long. I need a personal secretary to keep me on track.

Now back to business:

- 1) We are ending August with a bang and I expect September to be as notable. See below for the totals.
- 2) It has been reported to me that the quilt delivery to NGMC pediatric floor was done by a couple of really nice ladies, one of whom had red and blue hair. No, we don't have a picture and I sure wish we did. Can you imagine how joyful it was to receive a quilt from them? Thanks to Peggy G. and Carol J. for adding the special touch.
- 3) We added a new facility to the list of recipients for our quilts. See page 2 for the explanation. And see page 4 for an excerpt from the newsletter from UMChildren's Home. There we go.....growing again!...
- 4) Read on for the news and photos that I could capture. I will be reporting the following to headquarters for August:

Total number of quilts given out: 56

Northeast Georgia Medical Center Gainesville, GA (27)

Family Promise, Gainesville, GA (5)

United Methodist Children's Home/Foster Care Program (24)

Until next month, thanks for all you do to comfort our kids.

Betty Wright, Chapter Leader

Introducing a new facility receiving **Quilts for Kids** from the Northeast Georgia Chapter



It is The United Methodist Children's Home office serving Hall County and is managed by Sondra Rogers pictured below with Betty Wright on the first delivery of quilts. Currently there are 24 foster kids in Hall County so we are donating a quilt to each of them to comfort them during this time in their young lives. Of these 24 kids, 15 are boys and 9 are girls and the ages range from 7 months to 11 years. Most of these kids are six years old or under.

We are also working with First Baptist Church of Gainesville by being involved with this program by donating quilts, recruiting new foster parents and spreading the word of this need in our community. There are only 20 Foster Families in Hall County where the annual need may be for as many as 200 kids. If you are interested or know someone who may want more information, go to www.umchildrenshome.org.





Healing children, Uniting families, Changing lives

Foster Care Program

The need for foster families is great. Children escaping abusive or neglectful situations need a safe place to stay while their future is determined. Could your home be that safe place for children who are hurting?

Get involved

Help us recruit new foster parents. Spread the word in your community that safe, nurturing foster families are needed, and share our resources with foster parents you know. We can provide an informational session at your organization or church.

Consider becoming a foster parent. Homes are needed for a racially and ethnically diverse population of children and youth, and particularly for sibling groups, teenagers, and medically fragile children. Most of the children will have developmental, emotional, or educational delays.

Attend an informational meeting. We hold orientations at our Decatur and Gainesville offices and in other settings, such as churches, as requested. We also offer IMPACT training, which is required for anyone wishing to foster or adopt through the State Foster Care System.

Who can foster?

Our foster parents are a diverse group who meet the following criteria:

- Over 25 years old
- Married at least one year, divorced, widowed, or single
- Income must be verifiable
- Have a desire to share their home with children

Contact us

Contact us to learn more about becoming a foster parent.
Denise Peacock:
(404) 327-5864 or
dpeacock@umchildrenshome.org



Referral and support lines

DFCS referrals daytime intake:
(404) 259-8214

After hours foster parent support and DFCS referrals:
(404) 518-5637

Foster care youth in Independent or Transitional Living:
(404) 327-5852



This scene is for the Athens Luncheon Optimist Club meeting on August 24th at Outback Restaurant. I made a presentation to the 10 members in attendance to inform them of Quilts for Kids and specifically, the Northeast Georgia Chapter.

Athens is a little far for me to deliver quilts weekly, but as I told them, we could work together if there is a need. More information may follow someday.....

Betty Wright.



The Children's Home News

August 28, 2015

Thanks to Quilts for Kids!

Quilts for Kids donated 24 quilts--one for every foster child in our Gainesville office! The Mission of Quilts For Kids is to transform discontinued, unwanted, and other fabrics into patchwork quilts that comfort children in need. We plan to partner with Quilts for Kids to receive quilts for each child that comes into one of our homes in Gainesville.









Drop off Sites for Quilts

Quilts for Kids * Workshop sites on workshop dates (see page 9 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.*

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Workshop Dates

Family Life Center (A/C Room)

First Baptist Gainesville
751 Green Street Gainesville, Ga. 30501

10:00am to 2:00 pm

Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3

Hopewell UMC Fellowship Hall

4723 Hopewell Church Road
Gainesville (Murrayville area)

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8

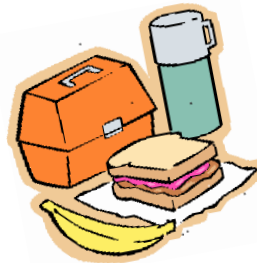
Suwanee Workshop

1650 Cone Flower Way, Suwanee, 30024

678-807-8714

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15



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