

Azie's

Blanket Coverage



Blanket Delivery Update

Thanks to our wonderful Volunteers!

Your generous donations have made it possible for AZ Blankets 4 Kids to distribute 4,490 blankets to various agencies that assist seriously ill and traumatized children during the months of October 2013 through March 2014

Total deliveries from inception to date are:

83,748!!

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A Surprise Donation!

Late in February 2014, Board President, Gloria Wood, received an email from Shelly DeNucci who wrote:

Hello:

The company my husband works for, Towers Watson in Minneapolis, will be holding a training conference for around 400 employees next week at the Sheraton Wildhorse in Tempe, AZ. During the conference, the employees will be making no sew fleece blankets for a service project. Rather than shipping all the blankets made back to Minneapolis, TW would like to donate them to a local Tempe Charity.

When searching on the internet, we came upon AZ Blankets 4 Kids. Your organization looks like a perfect match for our service project! The blankets will be completed and ready for delivery by Thursday, March 6.

We look forward to hearing from you!

*Thank you,
Shelly DeNucci*

Of course, we accepted them! On Wednesday, March 5th, we picked up 104 beautiful teen-size fleece blankets from these conference participants.

What a surprise! Thank you Towers Watson employees!



WEAVERS NEEDLE BEE ~ January 10, 2014

A beautiful day in Apache Junction brought out 90 volunteers, including 10 board members to our first Quilting Bee of the new year. This year, two men quilters joined the group, including our regular Tim Most.



Kelli Nemec and her team used up two rolls of batting and matched many tops and backs. Barb Middleton had purchased fabric for backs and almost 100 yards were used at this bee. 87 finished quilts were turned in with only 12 coming from outside the bee!

The Door Prize Basket was won by Lana Guessford, a winter visitor from Iowa, and the ever-popular 50-50 raffle was won by Sue Mott from Quail Run Park.

HOLIDAY VILLAGE BEE ~ January 25, 2014

On a beautiful day at Holiday Village in Mesa, 125 completed quilts were turned in to Distribution. Fifty-seven attendees at this bee, (fourteen board members and forty-three volunteers) not only machine-quilted, hand-tied quilts, sewed binding on quilts, sewed quilt tops from kits, but they also layered quilts with two large rolls of batting and sprayed all of the layered quilts. It was indeed a very productive day.



Sally Tucek and her ladies did a great job setting up and coordinating the bee. They served Costco Turkey Roll-Ups, chips and fruit salad for lunch. Our own Karen Johnston from the AZB4K board won the beautiful Raffle Quilt made by Nancy Gilman, also a board member.



QUEEN VALLEY MINI-BEE ~ February 24, 2014



This year's mini-bee at Queen Valley was really a mini-bee! Four AZB4K board members were joined by six quilters from Queen Valley. There were a lot of other activities that Monday in Queen Valley, so this bee wasn't the only attraction. In spite of this, everyone had a most wonderful time sewing and sharing time together. Darlene Miller, the bee coordinator at Queen Valley, always makes everyone feel at home. Wanda Ficca, a winter visitor from Spokane, Washington won the lovely gift basket.



Quilting Bee Door-Prize Baskets

Have you ever won one of those gorgeous door-prize baskets at a AZB4Kids Bee? Have you ever wondered where they come from or who makes them? Well, Carole Willsey, one of the AZB4Kids Board Members, is the dedicated volunteer who designs and constructs a door-prize basket for each bee.

Why does she make them? Where does she get all the goodies? The answer to these questions is YOU, OUR VOLUNTEERS. The baskets are created because YOU, our volunteers, donate all kinds of items beyond fabric. It is YOUR generosity that allows Carole to put the baskets together. For example, at our last board meeting Carole was given two baskets, three bottles of Bath and Body Works hand soap, a panel for sewing an Easter bunny, quilt storage tissue, a silicone iron rest, 3 aprons to decorate, 5 spools of great thread, decorative buttons, 2 coordinated

bundles of fat quarters, 2 jelly rolls and 23 assorted fat quarters. Everything in the basket is donated, including the basket itself. The only thing she buys is the silk flowers or balloons that she uses to make the door prize more attractive. AZB4K buys the cellophane. Carole not only fills the basket with lots of goodies, but decorates the basket according to a timely theme, Valentine's Day, Easter, etc

The winners are always very excited to receive these beautiful gifts. Thank you, Carole, for your hard work and creativity. Your baskets add to the fun we have at the bees!

ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS

AZB4K needs:

- More child (40" x 46/48") and teen (40" x 55/60") size quilts
- More boy-themed quilts
- Child and teen quilts can take *some* darker, more adult fabric but spruce it up with color and child friendly material.
- Infant quilts less than 36" x 38" are difficult to place and may be used as lap pads, etc.
- **Dark adult fabrics** should not be used for infant/toddler quilts. These are charity quilts but they will become some child's treasure. Please remember that when selecting fabrics.



AZ BLANKETS 4 KIDS, INC. HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE STATE OF ARIZONA AS A QUALIFYING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION FOR ARIZONA TAX CREDIT!

What does this mean?

It means that you can make a cash contribution to AZ Blankets 4 Kids and get a "dollar for dollar" credit on your AZ tax return. Any taxpayer who has a tax liability can get the credit. Those who file as "single" may claim a maximum credit of \$200. Taxpayers who file as "married filing joint" may claim a maximum credit of \$400. You report your donation on Arizona Department of Revenue Form 321.

Your cash donations will help us buy batting among other supplies that are needed for our volunteers to continue making blankets at our bees. Help us help the kids and get your money back at tax time.

LA HACIENDA BEE

February 22, 201



On a very sunny Apache Junction day at La Hacienda RV Resort, 49 volunteers and 12 board members gathered at another productive bee. Seventy completed quilts, two turned in at the door and 68 completed at the bee, added to AZB4K's inventory of quilts to be distributed to our agencies.

Peg Wier and Hilda Tanner and the ladies at La Hacienda set out wonderful treats for morning coffee and coordinated an abundant array of dishes for the Salad Pot Luck lunch.

Barb Staufenberg from LPG won the beautiful Raffle Quilt and the Door Prize basket was won by Sandy Ellsworth from La Hacienda.

FOUNTAIN OF THE SUN BEE

March 29, 2014

Fountain of the Sun hosted its first bee this March and it was a spectacular bee. Lynn Stothert was the coordinator and had everything so organized that it was easy for the board members to set up when we arrived. Eighty people attended, including 15 board members and 65 volunteers! The lunch was amazing - pork and chicken BBQ, corn soufflé and much more.



209 blankets were turned in, including 103 fleece blankets from the Tower Watson company service project, 68 at the door and 38 completed at the bee.

Tim Most from LPG won the Raffle Quilt and Jeanette Baetsle from the AZB4K board won the 50-50.



LAS PALMAS GRAND LUNCHEON December 19, 2013



LAS PALMAS GRAND HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 2013

Las Palmas Grand holds its annual luncheon in December. In addition to being a working luncheon, this annual event is a time to reflect on the group's accomplishments for the year. In 2013, 2035 blankets were completed for AZB4K. Many of the Board members of AZB4K sew with this group and appear in the annual group photo above.

A well-deserved Certificate of Appreciation was given to the Coordinator, Joan Most, for her tireless efforts throughout the year.





President's Message

As the current President of AZB4Kids, I want to thank all of our volunteers for their ongoing commitment to our cause. Our Bee season has been a busy one. With the help of our winter visitors, the Bees have been well attended with record numbers in attendance. Thank you for your on-going support of our mission, sharing your talents and love, constructing blankets for children who are ill and/or severely traumatized.

Seeing one of our blankets on the front page of the Arizona Republic this Spring brings to mind that we must continue with quality workmanship. If you are in doubt about what needs to be done in the construction or if you have a question about a quilt, do not hesitate to ask for guidance.

We continue to add new agencies, which means we need everyone to continue with their efforts in making blankets as the need for more blankets grows.

Winter visitors will be heading home but I know that you will not forget us. We wish you a safe return home and that you will return in the fall and join us once again. We appreciate your support and so do our children. Thank you once again.

Gloria Wood, President AZB4Kids

“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great LOVE.”

Mother Teresa

January 10, 2014

Weavers' Needle RV Park

Apache Junction

90 – Attendees

87 – Total Blankets from this event

February 22, 2014

La Hacienda RV Park

Apache Junction

61 – Attendees

70 - Total Blankets from this event

January 25, 2014

Holiday Village RV Park

Mesa

57 – Attendees

125 - Total Blankets from this event

March 29, 2014

Fountain of the Sun

Mesa

80 – Attendees

209 - Total Blankets from this event



Blanket Drop off Locations:

35th Ave. Sew & Vac

4939 W. Ray Rd. #27
Chandler (480) 961-7363

3 Dudes Quilting

5053 E Elliot Rd
Phoenix (480) 598-8601

A Quilter Oasis

9963 E Baseline #105
Mesa (480) 354-4077

Bernina SW Sewing Ctr

7143 E Southern Ave #135
Mesa (480) 964-8914

Cutting Edge Quilts

64 San Marcos Place
Chandler (480) 857-3443

Mulqueens Sew & Vac

3716 E Main St
Mesa (480) 545-0778

Zoe's Trunk

2986 N Alma School Rd #4
Chandler (480) 857-4833

Mulqueens Sew & Vac

7838 N 59th Ave.
Glendale (623) 934-0084

Quilter's Bee

7549 W Cactus Rd
Peoria (623) 334-9359

Quilter's Ranch

1721 E Warner Rd
Tempe (480) 838-8350

QuiltZ

3851 E Thunderbird Rd. #B107
Phoenix (602) 482-4141

Scrapbook Etc.

2820 E University #111
Mesa, AZ (480) 854-2303

Sun Valley Quilts

9857 W Bell Rd
Sun City (623) 972-2091

Upcoming Bees

Saturday, June 21st

La Palmas Grand,
2550 S Ellsworth Rd,
Mesa, AZ 9 – 3

October Bee will be held at the
Chandler Police Dept.

Community Room.

Saturday Oct 12th (tentative)

Watch the web site for specific date.

Ongoing Events

3rd Thursday each month

Las Palmas Grand, 2550 S Ellsworth Rd,
Mesa, AZ 9:30 to 2:00

1st Thursday each month

Peace by Piece at Mission del Sol

Presbyterian Church

1565 E Warner Rd, Tempe, AZ (major cross
Street is McKellips)

Chandler 10:00 to 4:00

Help us thank these shops for their support by giving them your patronage. Let's go shopping!!



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