



# Blanket Coverage

## Blanket Delivery Update

Between April, 2017 and September 2017 we delivered 3,523 blankets. Thank you all!

Deliveries for the fiscal year Oct 2016 -Sept 2017 is 7,248.

Total deliveries from inception to date are:

# 104,428!

What an amazing group of volunteers. Thank you all!

## Las Palmas Grand Bee June 17, 2017



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Joan Most, left, is the leader of the Las Palmas Sewing Group. In addition to hosting this very popular summer Bee This group contributes over 2,000 quilts each year to AZ Blankets for Kids. This is one of the few "open" sewing groups. They meet the third Thursday of the month at the Las Palmas auditorium. All are Welcome.

AZ Blankets 4 Kids President, Jeanette Baetsle presents Joan with a certificate of appreciation for all Joan and her group do for our organization.



We continue to sew and deliver Blankets to seriously ill and traumatized children in Phoenix Metropolitan Area. We have 40 active sewing groups with more than 600 volunteers.

We deliver blankets to 27 Active Agencies.

We've put a smile on lots of kids faces.

You can all feel very proud of your efforts. Thank you all.

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# Las Palmas Grand Bee June 17, 2017

Another hot Arizona day. But everyone who attended the Las Palmas Bee was cool and enjoying sewing and visiting with friends. A delicious lunch of "Make your own Salad" and "Make your own Sundae" was prepared by some LPG ladies and served by their husbands.

Right: The door prize, this enormous basket prepared by Board member Letty Fowell was presented to the winner, Judy Lee, (right) and was presented by Board Member Kelli Nemec.

The raffle this year was this bundle of fabric put together by Jan Bennett (left).

It was won by Rosa Mary Lloyd of the Palmas Del Sol sewing group.



(right) These three ladies, Leta Skipper, Judy Lee and June Reeves from Sunvalley Piece Makers brought in this entire table of finished quilts from their group. Making over 135 kids happy!



The happy winner of the 50/50 raffle is our President Jeanette Baetsle. The other half goes to our hosting group.

# October 2017 Bee

The October Bee is hosted by the AZ Blankets 4 Kids Board members.

It was a warm day but everyone at the Bee worked in the air conditioned comfort of the Chandler Police Dept Community Room. We had a tasty lunch of turkey roll ups, salad, chips and soda. We had a wonderful group of people attending including a young lady from England, Shannon Rowland, Jenny Clemshaw's niece. She had fun learned a new skill - tying quilts.

We kept our guest Shannon busy. She learned a new skill and did a wonderful job of tying quilts.



The husband and wife team of Joan and Tim Most (from LPG) attend most of our Bees. Tim is the star quilter. Machine quilting 20+ quilts every time he can come.



And the winners are:

*Left*, Sandy Howell won the door prize. Presented by Kelli Nemec. *Middle photo*, President Jeanette Baetsle presents June Reeves, from Sun Valley Piece Makers with cash from the 50/50 Raffle. *Right*, Kelli Nemec presents BJ Bevins from Glendale with the Raffle Fabric Basket

Nancy Gilman does a great job Welcoming guests to the Bee, selling raffle tickets and lunch tickets. Thanks Nancy!



Carol Pettis comes to the October Bee every year with over 100 quilts she spent the year creating. She and her husband show off a really cute one. Thanks Carol!

## QUALIFYING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS



This individual income tax credit is available for cash contributions to Qualifying Charitable Organizations including AZ Blankets 4 Kids, Inc. Starting with the 2013 tax year, taxpayers no longer have to itemize deductions to claim a credit for contributions to a Qualifying Charitable Organization.

### Maximum Credit for Any Tax Year:

**Single or head of household: \$400 Married filing jointly: \$800**  
**Donation Deadline** Beginning in 2016: **April 15** (for previous tax year)

**How It Works:** The state of Arizona offers its taxpayers the opportunity to make contributions to non-profit organizations that *reduce the amount of tax owed* to the state or *increase the amount of the taxpayer's refund*, **dollar-for-dollar**. There is **NO NET COST** to the donor, and deserving individuals around the state benefit.

NOTE TO DONOR: You must have a tax liability for at least the amount of your donation in order to take a tax credit. In other words, if you only owe \$500 to the state of Arizona, you cannot receive \$800 in tax credits.

Mail your donation to AZ Blankets 4 Kids, Inc; PO Box 13385; Mesa, AZ 85216-3385  
 If you wish your donation to be given to a specific Sewing Group, please specify on the memo line.

Complete AZ Form 321 and include it when you file your 2017 State taxes



### What is AZ Blankets 4 Kids?

**AZ Blankets 4 Kids is an all-volunteer non-profit organization serving children in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Our goal is to provide comforting blankets and quilts to seriously ill and traumatized children in our community.**

**AZ Blankets 4 Kids welcomes all handmade blankets. Whether you knit, crochet, quilt, hand sew or machine sew -- we welcome your donation. Blankets range in size from 18x18 for preemies at the hospital, to 40x60 for older children. Fabrics should be washable and in child-friendly fabrics and colors.**

**Once we receive your donation, the blankets are sorted by size and prepared for delivery.**  
**See page 8 for Drop Off Locations**

**Help get your community involved -- schools, sewing and quilting clubs and youth and senior groups are all excellent places to find potential blanket donors**

## You could win this incredible Quilt

This beautiful "Love Is" quilt (64 X 64) will be raffled off at our June 2018 Bee. Tickets will be available at all the Bees and from Board members. Or call the phone line at 480 283-8746. Tickets are one for \$1.00, six for \$5.00 and fifteen for \$10.00.



Fine detailed appliquéd scenes in each square. Lots of work has gone into this beautiful quilt.

This gorgeous quilt was indeed a community project.

We received donations of the squares and pieces last year. All of the detail in each square is machine appliquéd. Allie Watkins, an AZB4K volunteer finished the top.

Bev Stevenson, a talented long arm quilter, donated the batting as well as and her long arm work. If you're looking for a talented long arm quilter, you can call Bev at (602) 618-8894. She lives in Mesa around Lindsey and University.

Letty Fowell, a member of the Board put on the binding for the finishing touch. A real community effort.

# 2018 Board of Directors AZ Blankets 4 Kids, Inc.



**Our new Board of Directors for 2018.** Seated left to Right: Barb Middleton, Treasurer; Nina Williams, Secretary; Letty Fowell, Vice President and Kelli Nemec, President. Standing (left to right) Jeanette Baetsle, Kit Coordinator; Donna Hubar, Bee Coordinator; Barb Hopkins, Assistant Bee Coordinator; Janet Thompson, Volunteer Roster; Gloria Wood, Newsletter Editor; Mary Stolze, Distribution, Mary Duennes, Distribution, Linda Christensen, Distribution Chairman and Peg Adams, Webmaster.

Missing from the photo are Barbara Davenport and Laura Alexander both on the Distribution Committee

## Welcome to our New Board Members



**Barb Hopkins**  
Has been sewing with LPG group of AZB4K. She owned her own Beauty Salon before her retirement. And has been active on many Non-profit Boards.



**Janet Thompson**  
Sews at Piece by Peace. Is a volunteer at Banner Hospice. Was instrumental in setting up the Mesa HS Band as a non-profit, and serves on several Boards.



**Nina Williams**  
Was a member of the AZB4K Board since it's inception. She left the board for awhile to care for you husband. We're so pleased she has decided to join us again.

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Hello my fellow sewing enthusiasts,

It's been my privilege to serve on the AZBlankets4Kids board over many years.

I have just spent the last 2 years as president and now pass the reins to Kelli Nemec. It was a busy 2 years but very fruitful. We are on our way to 200,000 blankets.

Granted, we're a long way off, but I know, with everyone pulling for it, we'll make it. Hope we're all around to see it happen. I hope everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to catching up with each other at the upcoming bees.

See you soon,  
Jeanette Baetsle

## President's Message



You shop. Amazon gives.

Welcome to  
**amazon**smile

Shopping at Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way to support AZ Blankets 4 Kids. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select AZ Blankets 4 Kids in Tempe as your organization of choice.

Shop through the Amazon Smile web site, you get the same low prices and same selection as the regular Amazon and Amazon will send 1/2 of one percent of your purchase to AZB4K! Thank you for your support!



June 17, 2017  
**Las Palmas Grand**  
Mesa

127 - Attendees  
132 - Total Blankets

Oct 14, 2017  
**Chandler Bee -hosted by the Board**

Chandler Police Department  
38 - Attendees  
241 - Total Blankets

**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 Connection**  
4219 E Indian School Rd  
Phoenix (602) 553 8350

**Cutting Edge Quiltworks**  
64 San Marcos Place  
Chandler (480) 857-3443

**Modern Quilting**  
4649 E Cactus Rd  
Phoenix (602) 710-1771

**Mad B's Quilt & Sew**  
7415 E Southern Ave Ste 108  
Mesa (480) 964-8914

## Blanket Drop off Locations:

**Mulqueens Sew & Vac**  
7838 N 59th Ave.  
Glendale (623) 934-0084  
**Mulqueens Sew & Vac**  
3716 E Main St  
Mesa (480) 545-0778

**Quilter's Ranch**  
1721 E Warner Rd  
Tempe (480) 838-8350

**Scottsdale Quilts**  
15444 N 76th st #105  
Scottsdale (480) 951-8000

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

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

## Upcoming Bees

**Friday Jan 12, 2018 9:00-3:00**

Weavers Needle: 250 S Tomahawk Rd., Apache Junction

**Saturday, Jan 27, 2018 9:00-3:00**

Holiday Village: 701 S Dobson Rd, Mesa

**Saturday, Mar 3, 2018 9:00-3:00**

La Hacienda RV Resort, 1797 W 28th St Apache Junction

**Saturday, April 7, 2018 9:00-3:00**

Sunland Springs Village; 2240 Springwood Blvd, Mesa

## Ongoing Events

**3rd Thursday each month, 9:30 -2:00**

Las Palmas Grand, 2550 S Ellsworth Rd, Mesa,

**1st Thursday each month, 10:00 to 4:00**

Peace by Piece at Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church.

565 E Warner Rd, Tempe, AZ (just W of McClintock)

**Every Monday except the 2nd Monday 10:00 to 3:00**

Palmas del Sol - Scrap Happy Quilters 6209 E McKellips Rd, Mesa

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## Please note our Address change:

**AZ Blankets 4 Kids, Inc**  
**PO Box 13385**  
**Mesa, AZ 85216-3385**

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and **GO GREEN!**  
Give us your email address  
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