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Blanket Coverage

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Blanket Delivery Update

Thank you Volunteers!

Your generous donations have made it possible for AZ Blankets 4 Kids to distribute 1,673 blankets to various agencies that assist seriously ill and traumatized children during the months of September thru December 2011.

Total deliveries from inception to date are:

68,437!!

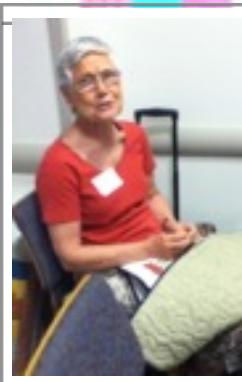
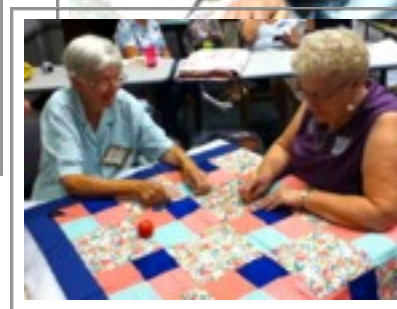
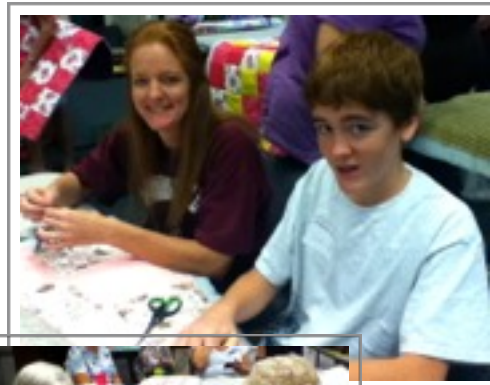
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AZ Blankets 4 Kids started the season with a bang - our first bee in Chandler. Lots of happy chatter with the constant hum of sewing machines



Below: Door prize winner was Liz Gossett (left) from Apache Junction.



Susan Horan from The Chandler Care Center spoke to the group about the services they provide to the community. She explained how much our blankets mean to the children who receive them. They get to keep the blankets and each becomes very special to each child.



Right: Raffle Quilt made by Barb Charlton was won by former board member - Marilyn Clever (holding winning tickets)



F-Troop Chili Cook-off



Board Member Mary Duennes sampling all the chili offerings.



One of our most generous benefactors is F-Troop, a motorcycle club in Mesa. All the fund-raising events held by the group throughout the year benefit AZ Blankets 4 Kids. Their big event this Fall was a the Chili-Cook Off held on October 13th.

The best part was tasting all the different chilies. The chilies were judged and the top two winners were Jackie Ross of F-Troop and Jasmine Garcia from the Patriot Youth Corps. There was also a silent auction, raffles and other events.

Several of our board member attended the event and raved about the great time they have.

The Patriot Youth Corp conducted a Flag Retirement



F-Troop Breakfast

President Letty Fowell accepts a check from F-Troop Director Bob Howell at the group's Monthly meeting in December.

Gloria Wood, Jeanette Baetsle and Karen Johnston look on. Along with the Chili Cook off, other events held throughout the year



Directors Sandy and Bob Howell accept gifts from Letty



The Patriot Youth Corps presents the flag to begin the meeting

Chandler Girl Scout Troop #2594



The Girl Scouts from troop 2594 in Chandler wanted to do a Service Project and help out kids in the valley so they called AZ Blankets 4 Kids.

Karen Johnston and Letty Fowell attended their troop meeting bringing bags of quilts that needed to be tied.

What an enthusiastic group of girls! These eleven girls paired off and listened carefully to instructions and began tying the quilts. They did an awesome job and didn't quit until they



had finished at least one quilt per team.

Then they requested more quilts to work on at future meetings.

As part of their service project the girls visited The Cutting Edge Quilt Shop to learn how to select fabric and tips to sew a quilt. They want to learn to do the entire process.



Visiting Viewpoint

President Letty Fowell and Karen Johnston visited Viewpoint RV park in November to deliver fabric and pick up completed quilts.

Viewpoint is a new sewing group for AZ Blankets 4 Kids and was very interested in learning more about AZ Blankets. Letty explained the Mission of our group to the Viewpoint



Collecting Blankets - Pauline Brown, Karen Johnston, Letty Fowell and Georgia Johnstone



Letty Fowell, Karen Johnston and Pauline Brown

Queen Valley

Our Queen Valley residents held their Homeowners meeting in December and invited us to speak.

Letty Fowell spoke about our organization and Colleen Pyra from Sojourner Center presented information about their agency. Sojourners Center is one of the agencies we deliver blankets to.

As you can see, they handed in some beautiful quilts. Those women do a wonderful job and made many kids very happy.

Darlene Miller (center) does a outstanding job running the Queen Valley Sharing Circle Sewing Group.



Sponsor a Quilt Kit!

Help us start a quilt by sponsoring a Quilt Kit. Your donation will cover the cost of the fabric and batting for one child.

Help us Out! Send this form and \$20 to AZ Blankets for Kids. PO Box 11206, Tempe, AZ 85284.

Thank You

Sponsor a Kit

Name _____

Address: _____

Amount: _____

Your gift is tax deductible

Las Palmas Grand Celebrates



AN AWESOME JOB!!

Las Palmas Grand celebrates another outstanding year. Joan Most, the leader of the group, held an Appreciation Luncheon for her sewers. Over 50 ladies attended.

For the year ended Nov. 30th LPG contributed 1,383 blankets to AZ Blankets 4 Kids and 11,853 since 2004.



Letty Fowell presents Joan Most with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Nancy Gilman (left) a long time contributor of fabric to the group, made this quilt which was raffled off. Judy Strong (center left) won the prize! Letty looks on.



Barb Charlton presents Joan with a wall hanging depicting Joan cutting fabric

The Salad Bar and Ice Cream Sundae Bar provided a delicious lunch. The husbands who set out the lunch oversee the event.



Weavers Needle Bee



Ninety two people (that's a record) showed up in AJ at Weavers Needle for our first Bee of 2012. What an exciting day filled with all kinds of activity. Pat & Tom Mick from Jose's Closet, one of our Agencies, spoke to the group, (below right). This is the 6th year that Weavers Needle hosted our group. Below left LaDonna Howell & Sharon Lowenberg accept Appreciation Certificate from Gloria Wood.



THE WINNERS!

Left: Carole Willsey presents door prize to Gladys Riley



Gloria Wood present \$\$\$ to Nancy Blackburn who won the 50-50 raffle.



Barbara Charlton presents her quilt to the raffle winner Kathy Moody

AZ Blankets 4 Kids Board of Directors

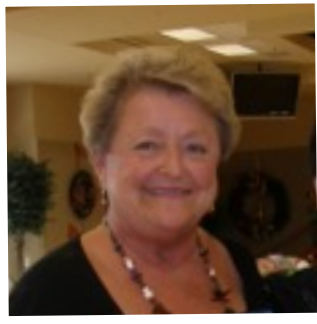


Retiring Board members Nina Williams & Sylvia Saffell received certificates of Appreciation from outgoing President Karen Johnston for their many years of service. They will be missed!

Board of Directors: Seated (l to r) Gloria Wood, VP; Barb Middleton, Treas; Sylvia Robles, Sec.; Standing (l to r) Carole Willsey, Distribution; Peg Adams, Roster; Vicki Smith, Agency Comm.; Phyllis Akins, Kits & Preemies; Mary Duennes, Distribution; Jeanette Baetsle, Distribution; Mary Stolze, Distribution and Karen Johnston, Newsletter & Assit. Bee Coordinator.

Missing from Photo: Letty Fowell, Pres.; Laura Alexander, Distribution; Cheryl Freeman, Distribution; Kelli Nemec, Webmaster; Debbie Stupar, Bee Coordinator and Colleen Taft, Publicity.

Letty's Letter



Greetings and Happy New Year 2012 !!!

I would like to take this time to thank Karen Johnston for her excellent leadership for the past three years as President of AZ Blankets 4 Kids. Her assistance has been very valuable in the transition of leadership.

I'm very excited about the wonderful things happening this year. We have added seven new agencies to receive our donated blankets. We have approximately 38 groups that sew for us including the latest sewing group at View Point in Mesa.

AZ Blankets 4 Kids has donated 63,975 blankets in our first ten years of operation. The credit goes to ALL of you for your time and efforts. Congratulations everyone!!!

As we continue to grow lets us keep in mind our mission statement which is "Sharing your talents and love by making blankets for seriously ill or traumatized children."

Once again may I say a Happy New Year to each and everyone of you. May we continue our efforts throughout this new year.

Hugs & Stitches, Letty xox

Sewing Instructors Needed

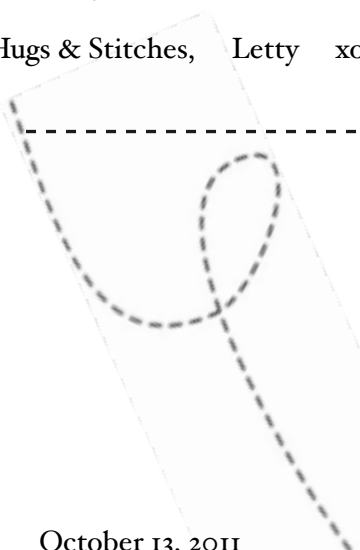
Sewing Instructors are needed to teach Foster Youth. The sewing program sponsored by Arizonans for Children teaches basic sewing to their youth. The program consists of ten lessons that span basic techniques and student graduate to working with simple patterns.

They are asking for instructors to lead or assist in classes. The requirements are:

- Enjoy working with youth ages 8 -17.
- Demonstrate enthusiasm for all sewing techniques.
- Complete volunteer application at www.arizonansforchildren.org
- Agree to background check
- Provide transportation and space to travel with four sewing machines and supplies.
- Allow for a two to three hour commitment for each project

All materials and supplies travel to the foster group homes with instructor.

For information contact Sue Sauer at sue.sauer@arizonansforchildren.org or call 480-772-6541



January 13, 2012
Weavers Needle RV Park
 Apache Junction
 92 - Attendees
 137 - Total Blankets
 from this event



October 13, 2011
Chandler Police Department
 Chandler

47 - Attendees
 147 - 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 Center

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

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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

13825 N 32nd St
Phoenix (602) 482-4141

Sun Valley Quilts

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

Zoe's Trunk

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

Upcoming Bees

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Holiday Village 701 Dobson Rd,
Mesa, AZ 9-3

Saturday, February 25, 2012

La Hacienda RV Resort, 9-3
1797 W 28th Ave. Apache Junction, AZ

Saturday, March 24, 2012

Palmas Del Sol, 6209 E McKellips Rd,
Mesa, AZ 9-3

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Sunland Springs Village, 2240 Springwood Blvd,
Mesa, AZ 9-3

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 St: 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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