

Blanket Coverage

Blanket Delivery Update

Thank you Volunteers!

Your generous donations have made it possible for AZ Blankets 4 Kids to distribute 2,517 blankets to various agencies that assist seriously ill and traumatized children during the months of January thru April 2012.

Total deliveries from inception to date are:

70,954!!

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Blankets! Blankets! Blankets!



Mary Stolze packing her car for delivery to Agencies

WOW! What a busy winter! AZ Blankets held FOUR bees since January 15th, visited numerous groups, met hundreds of marvelous volunteers, and collected and delivered 2,517 blankets.

Here are some of the activities that keep those blankets coming in so that we can bring a smile to a child's face as they receive their very own.



Girl Scouts from Chandler delivering quilts they had tied as part of a Service Project



Rosemary Lloyd and Kelli Nemec trimming quilts. Ready for the final step - binding



Joan and Tim Most machine quilting quilts.



Ashleigh Hollaar and Alysa Moron from Valley Christian HS hand tying the quilts as a Service Project.



Cheryl Freeman sewing on the binding.



"This is how it's done"

Holiday Village Bee Jan. 28th

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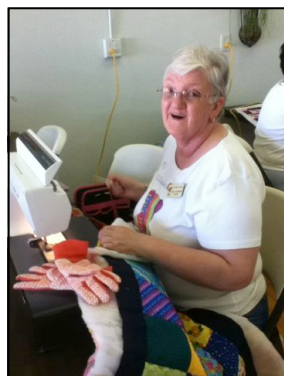
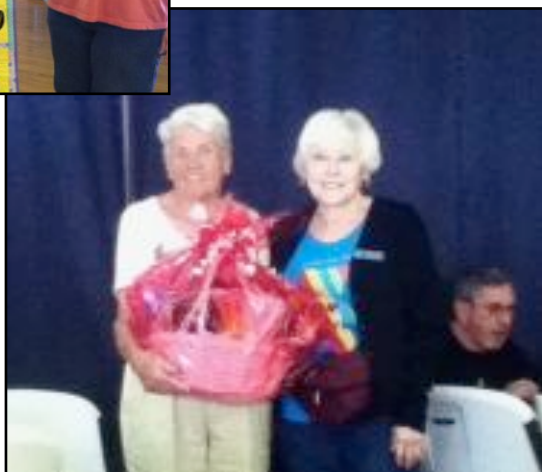


Left: Winner of Quilt Raffle, June Wolf from F-Troop accepts quilt from board member Kelli Nemec



Vice President Gloria Wood thanks Kay Ruid of Holiday Village for hosting this Bee.

Right: Door Prize winner Lois Steele from Holiday Village accepts prize basket from board member Carole Willsey who puts together all these beautiful baskets.



Jenny Clemenshaw machine quilting.

Our Jan 28th Bee at Holiday Village on Dobson Rd in Mesa was a huge success. Fifty seven people who attended the bee had lots of fun visiting and sewing. It was a beautiful sunny day but quite windy so spraying of quilts was limited.



Kim from "Five Star Pizza" bakes fresh pizza for a delicious lunch



Kelli Nemec fans herself with her share of the winning 50/50 raffle ticket.



Carole Willsey squares up quilts getting them ready for finishing.



The Welcome Table

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Dedicated Volunteers



Mia Glenn at her sewing machine, piecing together a quilt top.



A'Vanti checking out the top she's been working on.

Two Florence High School sisters have been attending our sewing bees for the past several years. A'Vanti and Mia Glenn and their mother Ze'Etta spend many Saturdays working with us. These girls not only volunteer for AZ Blankets 4 Kids but also spend hours with various other non-profit organizations. They are part of the International Baccalaureate program at FHS.

Visiting our Sewing Groups



On Monday Feb 27th some of the board member drove to Queen Valley for a "mini bee". We bring the quilts for the sewing group to work on. The "Chain Gang" kept busy all day tying quilts for us. Everyone enjoyed a



Darlene Miller accepts appreciation certification from AZB4K President Letty Fowell



Shelly Frye won the door prize at the Queen Valley Bee.



Mary Duennes, Carole Willsey and Vicki Smith present appreciation certificate to Janet Hallam at the Boulder Ridge Sewing Group

Success at La Hacienda Bee



The winners of the quilt raffle were the Birch sisters: Abby and Grace. They gave the quilt to their teacher, Jessie Schroth at her baby shower.

La Hacienda hosted a fun-filled bee in February.

In addition to our wonderful volunteers who showed up, we had visits from the Chandler Girl Scouts and from the Youth Patriot Group. Everyone got to work and finished lots of comfy blankets for our kids.



Sue Koesser from "Welcome to America," one of our agencies, spoke about the work they do.



Putting the leaders of the Youth Patriot Group to work layering the batting between the tops and backs



Above: The girl scouts and the guys from the Patriot Group tying a large quilt - "this can get exhausting."

Left: Laura Alexander and Susan Quesinberry hard at work on their machines.



Sylvia Robles and Barb Middleton with Barb's winnings from the 50-50 raffle



Letty Fowell acknowledging Mary Miller for her group's work in hosting the bee



Susan Quesberry winner of the door prize basket presented by Sylvia Robles

Palmas del Sol Bee in March



AZ Blankets & Kids T-Shirts made by Barb Charlton and Jan Bennett were for sale and very popular with our sewers



Letty Fowell thanking Rosemary Lloyd for hosting the bee. A wonderful lunch of subs, salad and ice cream was served



Karen Johnston presents door prize basket to LaWanna Delmoe



Faye Ganzerla was the winner of the raffle quilt

Sandy Howell & Dollars for Doers



Sandy Howell accepting Thank you from Letty.

Sandy Howell gets our award as Volunteer of the Year. Sandy and her husband Bob have been F-Troop directors the past four years. They have spent countless hours working on the fund-raising activities of F-Troop, all of the proceeds going to AZB4Ks. Sandy also attends almost all the bees, sewing for our kids.

Sandy works full-time for SRP who has a "Dollars for Doers" program. They will donate dollars to a non-profit organization when an employee applies for it. Sandy applied and we got a grant.

THEN Sandy was awarded a special "Volunteer of the year" award by SRP which resulted in AZB4K getting another financial grant.

Thank you Sandy. You are AWESOME!

April Bee at Sunland Springs



left: Gloria Wood presents an appreciation certificate to Barb Ohler and Rita Vautrin for hosting the bee.



The door prize basket was won by Donna Mills

The weather outside was cold and windy but that didn't stop the ladies who came to our final bee of the season at Sunland Springs Village. The heat from the humming sewing machines and friendly chatter kept the room warm and toasty. Everyone kept busy all day, cutting, sewing, tying and bagging up quilts.

The ladies at Sunland Springs served an outstanding lunch from Subway.



Another beautiful quilt was raffled and won by Phyllis Akins.



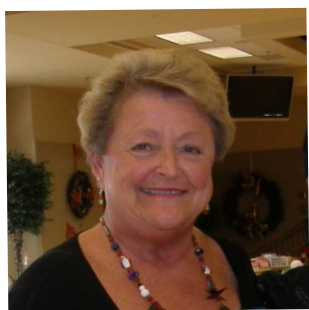
Happy and exhausted workers after the bee. It was a fun season!

Viewpoint Annual Quilt Show



The Quilter Point of View group from Viewpoint held their annual Arts and Craft Festival March 3rd. This included a booth for AZ Blankets 4 Kids. Joanne Rheingans greets Mary Stolze, Gloria Wood and Letty Fowell from AZB4K





Letty's Letter

Happy Summer to all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers. AZ Blankets 4 Kids could not be successful without all of you.

A sincere thanks to all of you for making our program a big success.

The board has accepted two new agencies. Mountain Vista Medical Center and Phoenix Children's Hospital East Valley. We are excited to add these new agencies to our current list. In addition, the board pre approved a third agency. Our list is growing and the need for more blankets is increasing.

Our main goal is "sharing your talents and love by making blankets for seriously ill or traumatized children". It is important to keep in mind the quality of the blankets we make from preemies to teens.

Thus far in 2012 we have been fortunate to have received donations from the following: Valley of the Sun United Way, Desert Club of Mesa, SRP Dollars for Doers, Fountain of the Sun Quilt Group, Holiday Village Quilters, and other miscellaneous donations. We are very grateful for these donations in this economy.

Thanks for all that you do and have a wonderful summer.

Hugs & Stitches, Letty xox

February 25, 2012

La Hacienda RV Park

Apache Junction

80 - Attendees

147 - Total Blankets

from this event

March 24, 2012

Palmas del Sol Resort

Mesa

54 - Attendees

221 - Total Blankets

from this event



Emmanuel Pines Camp

It's almost time again for the annual Emmanuel Pine Camp hosted by Cutting Edge Quilt Shop. Camp will be held August 10 -12 in Prescott, AZ. Camp opens at 3:00 pm on Friday the 10th and ends after lunch on Sunday.

Price is only \$150 and includes 5 meals, two nights and lots of fun! Must be paid by July 15th

There will be kits to sew for AZ Blankets 4 Kids, but you can bring anything of your choice to sew. There will be games, demos and prizes!

You have to bring your own bedding, towels, toiletries, etc. Bring shares too to share.

To sign up or for more information call Cutting Edge Quilts at 480-857-3443

January 28, 2012

Holiday Village RV Park

Mesa

57 - Attendees

57 - Total Blankets

from this event

April 15, 2012

Sunland Spring Village

Mesa

35 - Attendees

67 - 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, June 16th

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 13th or 20th
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
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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