# 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 2,760 blankets to various agencies that assist seriously ill and traumatized children during the months of October 2012 thru September 2013.

Total deliveries from inception to date are:

**76,751!!**

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## Weaver's Needle Bee - January 11, 2013

**This bee, the first of 2013, was a record breaker, with an amazing 87 people attending. Wow! Thanks to everyone for coming!**

**We had a wonderful group of ladies working away at all stages of quilt-making from binding, to making tops, to layering, to adding labels. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers (see photo below), it was a good day for spraying, too.**

**Thanks so much to our host group and their husbands for helping us set up for the day. We all enjoyed a marvelous pot-luck salad luncheon and the many morning goodies everyone brought.**

**The door prize winner, Sharon Lowenberg (below, left) is the co-host of the Quilting Bee at Weaver's Needle. She is all smiles with the basket maker, Carole Willsey.**

**What a great start to our 2013 Quilting Bee season!**

Door Prize Winner, Sharon Lowenberg with basket maker, Carol Willsey

ABOVE: Quilts to be tied

LEFT: Spraying layered quilts

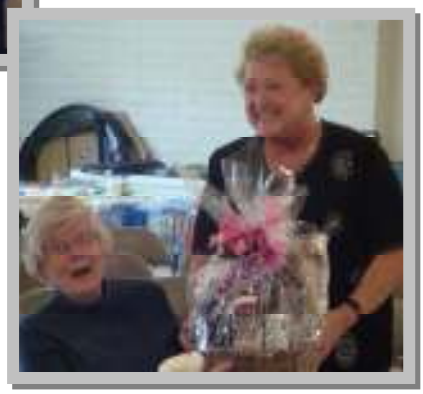
## HOLIDAY VILLAGE BEE ~ January 26, 2013

**Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor gloom of night stays these quilters from their appointed Bees….. Well, not quite, but it WAS a rainy Saturday and, still, 60 quilters attended the Bee at Holiday Village. Everyone worked very hard and 125 completed quilts were turned in! We even found one dry spot outside to set up the spraying table! Inside the layering table was humming along….two full rolls of batting were used! Way to go, quilters!**

## QUEEN VALLEY

## SHARING CIRCLE

**Mondays are not usually Quilting Bee days, but, on Monday, February 11, 2013, many AZB4K Board members went to Queen Valley to join these wonderful ladies for another fun Mini-Quilting Bee. Darlene Miller, our gracious hostess, treated us to a delicious pot-luck lunch. We sewed and tied quilts with our friends above. Karen Franz (right) was delighted to win the raffle basket!**

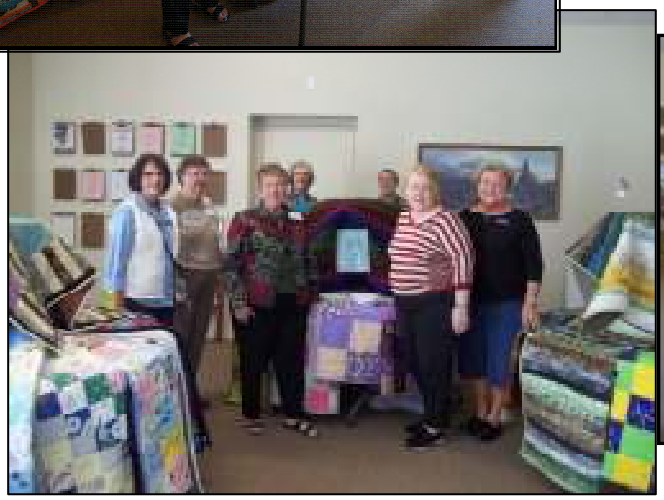


## Queen Valley Caring Circle Mini-Bee
## January 21, 2013

**On a sunny Monday in January, several board members went to the Queen Valley Caring Circle Mini-Bee in San Tan Valley. They were greeted by Carol Graham (left) who graciously presented AZ Blankets 4 Kids with more than 30 lovely quilts.**

**The Caring Circle also donated quilts to the fire department and the police department in the area.**

**A quilt raffle was held, and Norine Alexander (below, right) was the lucky winner. She chose one of the beautiful quilts done by this group of dedicated ladies.**



# 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.**

# ********SOME OF OUR DEDICATED QUILTING GROUPS THANK YOU!!!!

**"On Friday evening, March 1st, there was a terrible accident when a car ran a red light and hit a van carrying my grandchildren and their mom. Two of the children were seriously injured and were rushed to Maricopa Children's Hospital. Jameson (8) ended up having broken ribs. Sevilla (9) was hurt badly. Her body was almost out of the van and her head was just inches from the pavement, even with her seat belt on. When the kids were taken to their rooms from the ER they both had AZ Blankets 4 Kids quilts waiting on their beds. It made them feel at home and so nice having their very own blanket to keep. Tom Groebe, their father, sent me this photo that brought tears to my eyes, seeing, first hand, our quilts being used.**

**Many thanks to the Groebe family for sharing their story, and we hope you are back to normal before too long!" …by Letty Fowell, grandmother**

# LA HACIENDA BEE

**February 23, 2013**

**Another very successful and productive Bee was held at La Hacienda on a lovely, sunny Saturday in February. Seventy-two quilters arrived to layer, spray, quilt, bind and tie. The quilt count at the end of the day was 119 finished quilts. Girl Scouts from a Chandler Troop arrived with quilts they had tied as part of their Service Project. They stayed to tie more quilts and, of course, sell Girl Scout cookies!**

**The Raffle Quilt was won by an AZB4K board member, Laura Alexander. Sandra Ellsworth from La Hacienda won the 50/50 raffle and the beautiful Door Prize basket was won by Catherine Marlin from Fountain of the Sun, a "snow bird" from Alberta, Canada. AZB4K President Letty Fowell presented Peg Wier and Hilda Tanner, the new La Hacienda coordinators, with a Certificate of Appreciation.**

**Late in March, Palmas del Sol held their annual quilting bee with 39 attendees. Rose Mary Lloyd coordinated the Bee and arranged for a wonderful luncheon of sub sandwiches, fruit, drinks and dessert.**

**Letty Fowell, President of AZB4K, presented Rose Mary with a Certificate of Appreciation.**

**In one of the photos to the left, Jan, the winner of the raffle quilt, is receiving a charming quilt from the quilt-maker herself. Carole Willsey, as always, was on hand to present one of her beautiful Door Prize baskets.**

# LAS PALMAS GRAND LUNCHEON
## December 13, 2012

Las Palmas Grand held its annual December luncheon on Thursday, December 13, 2012. It is a working luncheon with many lovely quilts completed (see examples above). 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.

## Letty's Letter

**Happy Spring Time to ALL of our many wonderful sewers. This is the time of year that the people from out of town return home for the summer months. We miss all of you and look forward to your return.**

**The past six months has been a busy time for AZ Blankets 4 Kids. In December we received 10 quilts from a kindergarten class in Peoria who wanted to share these quilts with children in need. What a great experience this was visiting the classroom and meeting all the young students.**

**In January, Karen and I went to a Girl Scout Troop in Chandler and taught them how to tie quilts. We had lots of fun.**
**AZ Blankets 4 Kids has received some wonderful grants this year to help us with our mission to provide blankets to seriously ill and traumatized children. In return, we were able to give out 11 mini grants to some of the groups that sew for us. This year, I personally delivered the grants to most of them. It was wonderful to meet these special ladies in person at their locations and see their sewing rooms. Many thanks to ALL of you for sharing your talents and love by making these comforting blankets and quilts. Every one of you is exceptional and we could not do what we do without ALL of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything that you do for AZ Blankets 4 Kids.**

**In the twelve years that AZ Blankets 4 Kids has been making quilts, we have donated just under 80,000 quilts. Congratulations to ALL of you for your hard work in making us successful these past twelve years. And many thanks to our hard-working board members, as these ladies are special as well.**

**We have forty-one active agencies that we deliver blankets to and we have approximately thirty-two groups and ladies that sew for us. There is such a need out there, and we are appreciative of your loving help. Thank You!!!**

**Have a safe spring and summer and we hope to see all of you in the near future.**
**Hugs & Stitches,**
**Letty Fowell, President**

January 11, 2013
**Weavers' Needle RV Park**
Apache Junction
87 – Attendees
165 – Total Blankets from this event

January 26, 2013
**Holiday Village RV Park**
Mesa
60 – Attendees
125 - Total Blankets from this event

February 23, 2013
**La Hacienda RV Park**
Apache Junction
119 – Attendees
72 - Total Blankets from this event

March 22, 2013
**Palmas del Sol Resort**
Mesa
39 – Attendees
127 - 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 22nd**
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

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