



Azie's Blanket Coverage

Blanket Delivery Update

Thank you Volunteers!

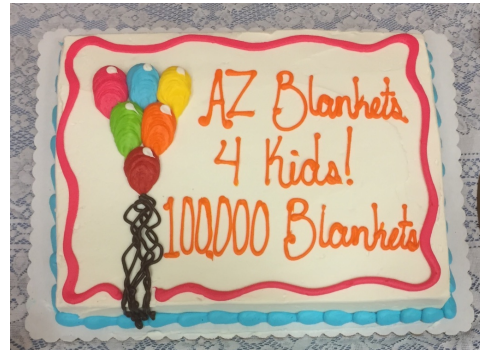
Your generous donations have made it possible for AZ Blankets 4 Kids to distribute 2,340 blankets to various agencies that assist seriously ill and traumatized children during the months of May 2016 thru September 2016

Total deliveries from inception to date are:

100,073!!!

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The Groebe family



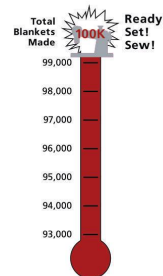
Door prize won by Jenny Clemenshaw



Sonoran Swing Band



Raffle of beautiful fabric, won by Shari Bermele



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We set a goal for the year. To reach 100,000 quilts delivered to seriously ill and traumatized kids since our inception in 2001. We did it!!

To thank all of our volunteers who made this possible We wanted to celebrate. The Sonoran Swing Band volunteered their time to perform for the evening. And we served delicious deserts.

Our blankets make a difference!! The Groebe family from Gilbert, Arizona who were in a car accident several years ago and their children were taken to the hospital. They each received one of our blankets and still have them today. They spoke about the feelings of "home" when they saw the blankets on the hospital bed when they entered their room. It provided comfort to both the parents and the children. Thank you all.

June Bee at Las Palmas Grand

We think that our sewing groups are quiet all summer because our winter visitors leave the valley. But there was no shortage of quilters at our Sewing Bee on June 17th. It may have been hot outside but 63 ladies met inside the cool Las Palmas Grand Auditorium, and got lots of work done.

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President Jeanette Baetsle presents an appreciation Certificate to Joan Most for hosting the Bee.



LettieFowell presents the beautiful basket she made to Jeanette Baetsle.



Jeanette Baetsle was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle.



Lettie Fowell presents the vintage quilt to the winner Laura Alexander (right)

This was Sandy Howell's lucky day!

First she won the beautiful fabric raffle.

Then she won the sewing machine in the silent auction.



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October Bee at Chandler Police Dept.



Door Prize Basket was won by Judy Lee from Sun Valley Piece Makers. Presented by Letty Fowell and Jeanette Baetsle



The October Bee kicked off our Bee Season. It was held at the Chandler Police Community Room with 39 quilters present. 249 quilts were turned in by quilters at the bee, and by groups or individuals who competed then over the summer.



50/50 winner Karen Johnston accepting winnings from Jeanette Baetsle



Donna Hubar won the Fabric Basket Raffle presented to her by Letty Fowell



Laura Alexander, Mary Duennes and Margaret Brewes at the distribution table.

The distribution team collects, inspects and bags all the blankets. Everyone on the distribution team is assigned to make deliveries to one of our 30 plus agencies. They're a busy group



Carol Pettis from Gilbert sews all year and always comes to the October Bee with two huge yellow plastic bags full of quilts. Always 100 plus quilts. She's amazing and we appreciate all the work she does for us.

Las Palmas Grand Appreciation Luncheon



Joan Most and some of the husbands put together a Celebration Luncheon to thank all her quilters who made it possible for the Las Palmas Grand Sewing Group to reach an amazing number of completed quilts this year - **2,063** for AZ Blankets 4 Kids.

This is a photo of some of the ladies but there are many more who were unable to attend. We appreciate their commitment and are grateful for all they do.



Joan made this Christmas Quilt for a raffle fund raiser for the LPG group. The raffle winner was Larry Brown from Las Palmas Grand.



AZ Blankets 4 Kids President, Jeanette Baetsle presents an appreciation certificate to Joan acknowledging her group for their awesome contribution.



Another raffle took place for a basket full of fabric. The fabric was donated by Jan Bennett (right) and won by Nancy Gillian who works with the LPG group and is also on the Board of Directors of AZB4K.



A donation to AZ Blankets 4 Kids could give you a **dollar for dollar reduction** in your Arizona taxes. Arizona offers a Tax Credit for cash donations to qualified charitable organizations. AZ Blankets 4 Kids is on that list. Non-cash donations (fabric, time etc) do not qualify.

The credit is available only to individuals and is reported on Arizona Form 321.

NEW this year - an increase in amount: Taxpayers filing as “married filing joint” may claim a maximum credit of **\$800**. Taxpayers filing as “single,” “head of household” or “married filing separate” status may claim a maximum credit of **\$400**.

If you are required to file an AZ tax return and you owe taxes (before withholding or estimated tax payments) you can claim the credit.

NEW this year - extended donation date: Donations may be made up to April 15th and applied to either the preceding tax year or the current year.

Unused credits can be carried forward to following year(s).

Mail your donation to: AZ Blankets 4 Kids, Inc; PO Box 13385; Mesa, AZ 85216-13385 **New Address**

Or us our PayPal link on our website: AZBlankets4Kids.com

If you wish your donation to go to your sewing group (eg. LPG) note the group on the memo line of check.

You shop. Amazon gives.



Shopping at Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way to support AZ Blankets 4 Kids.

Go to 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!



Newly elected Board of Directors AZ Blankets 4 Kids, Inc

AZ Blankets 4 Kids held it's annual meeting in November and elected officers and assigned committee members.



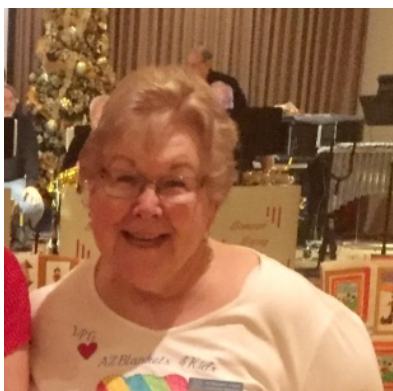
left to right: Kelli Nemec, Vice President & Social Media; Karen Johnston, Newsletter; Barbara Middleton, Treasurer; Jeanette Baetsle, President; Donna Hubar, Bee Coordinator; Letty Fowell, Kit Coordinator; Peg Adams, Volunteer Roster; Laura Alexander, Distribution; Linda Christensen, Distribution Chairman; Mary Duennes, Distribution, Barbara Davenport, Assistant Kit Coordinator and Nancy Gilman, Secretary



Missing from the group photo:

Gloria Wood, (left) Assistant Bee Coordinator,
Margaret Brewes, (center) Distribution, and
Mary Stoltz, (right) Distribution

President's Message



Well, we did it. 100,000 plus. I had faith we could do it and I'm convinced everyone put an extra effort into reaching that goal.

The blankets came in fast and furious and they went out just as fast. Can you believe how many children are in need?

All of you deserve a special place in heaven for doing all this. It makes me want to do more. I have a small family and you can only make so much stuff for your family. AZ Blankets 4 Kids is my creative outlet. I'm so glad I'm a part of this wonderful, big other family.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Thank you again,

Jeanette Baetsle
President
AZ Blankets 4 Kids

Please note our address change:

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

June 17, 2016

Las Palmas Grand

Mesa

63 - Attendees

270 - Total Blankets



October 8, 2016

AZB₄K Bee

Chandler Police Dept
Chandler

39 - Attendees

272 - Total Blankets

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's Oasis

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

Mad B's

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

Cutting Edge Quiltworks

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

Scottsdale Quilts

15444 N. 76th St. #105
Scottsdale, AZ 85260
(480) 951-8000

Sun Valley Quilts

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

Upcoming Bees

Friday, Jan 13, 2017 9:00-3:00

Weavers Needle; 250 S Tomahawk Rd., Apache Junction

Saturday, Jan 21, 2017 9:00-3:00

Holiday Village; 701 S Dobson Rd, Mesa

Saturday, Feb 25, 2017 9:00-3:00

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

Saturday, Mar 11, 2017 9:00-3:00

Fountain of the Sun, 540 S. 80th St., Mesa

Saturday, Apr 1, 2017 9:00-3:00

Sunland Springs Village, 2240 Springwood Blvd, Mesa

Saturday, Jun 17, 2017 9:00-3:00

Las Palmas Grand, 2550 S Ellsworth Rd, 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 10-3

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

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

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