

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 6,329 blankets to various agencies that assisted seriously ill and traumatized children during the months of October 2012 thru September 2013

Total deliveries from inception to date are:

78, 958!!

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Las Palmas Grand Bee - June 22, 2013

Our only bee of the summer was held at Las Palmas Grand on June 22, 2013. Even without the winter visitors, we had a wonderful turnout with 64 attending. We had lots of activity inside, completing 133 quilts and at least 26 new tops. After a delicious "Create Your Own Salad and Sundae Bar" lunch, the brimming door prize basket made by Carole Willsey was won by Martha Kasapis from the Needle Wielders Group and Pat Winder from the Las Palmas Grand won \$79 in the 50/50 drawing.



Sunland Springs Village Bee - April 13, 2013

Fifty-four volunteers showed up for our annual bee at Sunland Springs Village. Lynda Schuler took over the role of coordinator of the SSV Bee and she and her assistants had all the tables set up for us when we arrived, including a table outside for spraying. We got lots of quilts sprayed and used up two rolls of batting layering quilts. The Door Prize Basket was won by Nancy Blackburn.



The Raffle Quilt (made by Mary Stolze of SSV and the AZB4K board) was won by Donna Hubar. 193 quilts were taken in for distribution. 159 were brought into the bee from various organizations and/or individuals. 34 were completed at the bee. Great work!

Quilting on the Rim:

Ten ladies from AZ Blankets 4 Kids spent four days in May enjoying the peace and serenity in Show Low at the Quilting on the Rim retreat. Barbara Hale who runs the retreat provides overnight accommodations, home cooked meals, and a spacious sewing room with everyone getting their own 5' work table. The weather was wonderful and we got lots of work done, both personal projects and AZB4K projects. We even had a massage therapist visit for relaxing massages. Anyone interested in enjoying this wonderful experience can check it out on Barbara's website www.quiltingontherim.com. Currently the video of our visit is available on the website, so check out the fun!



From Quilting on the Rim:

Space for Creativity is Essential for the Soul!

In the hands of a quilter,

fabric becomes the medium that binds the heart and the soul.

Join other crafters for a fun time of relaxing, sharing and learning. Leave your kids, husband, work worries and stress behind and immerse yourself in a weekend of crafting time and relaxation at *Quilting On The Rim!*

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.



To Our Sewing Groups:

Thank you very much for all the sewing you did last season. Over 6,200 quilts were distributed to seriously ill and traumatized children in our area. We look forward to another year of having the use of your talents and love to give comfort to these children. Each of the 6,200 blankets was processed by 1 of our 4 distribution committee members before being delivered to receiving agencies. This involves a lot of hours for these four women. Please support them this year by:

*Following the size suggestions as closely as possible (add borders if you need to enlarge the size).

Requested sizes are:

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| Infant | 38x38 up to 40x40 |
| Toddler | 38x44 up to 40x45 |
| Child | 40x48 |
| Teen | 40x56 up to 42x60 |

- * Double-checking for pins
- * Clipping loose threads
- * Sewing a label to the back of the quilt (contact us if you need labels)
- * Including your group name and contact information if you are dropping off quilts at one of our prearranged quilt store drop off locations
- * Making your knitted or crocheted afghans using a pattern with very small holes and rectangular in shape, Consider making your quilt donations throughout the year to help even out the number of quilts available.

Thank you in advance from the distribution team.

The Dallas Wood Project

On December 27, 2012, Dallas Wood, my grandson, was struck down by a hit and run driver. He was hospitalized for a week and underwent many months of physical therapy and rehab. He was in a wheelchair for three months, unable to walk. While he was in the hospital, friends from school made him a special blanket. It made him feel cared for and gave him comfort during a very difficult time in his life. Needing a project for Eagle Scouts and knowing that I volunteer with AZB4Kids, he decided to make AZB4K his project. He made up a flier and asked friends, family and church members to donate items that we could use. For four weeks he collected fabric, batting, cash and gift cards for our organization. As you can see below, his project was very successful with all that he collected.....*by Gloria Wood, AZB4K President*



AZB4K Board Members receiving donations from Dallas



Dallas Wood and Family

Chandler Girl Scout Troop #1312

In January, two AZB4K board members, Letty Fowell and Karen Johnston, visited a group of 5th grade girls in Girl Scout Troop #1312 in Chandler. Their leader Jocelyn DeShon prepared the girls by explaining quilt construction, choosing colors and telling them about AZ Blankets 4 Kids. When Letty and Karen arrived, they were ready to learn how to tie the quilts. They did an excellent job. Their leader said they were so excited about their "new skills" and the quilts they made. They also created a presentation to explain the mission of AZB4K and how they helped and they showed off their blankets. They all completed the quilts they were working on and wanted more to work on at their next meeting. They attended the February Bee at La Hacienda to present all the finished quilts. They were so excited and motivated that they decided to each make a quilt from start to finish. They each also completed a fleece blanket.



Chandler Girl Scout Troop #1312

Chandler Bee - October 12, 2013

The weather was beautiful and we packed the community Room at the Chandler Police Department with 48 people in attendance. We even spilled out onto the front patio. We had two tents set up, one for the Silent Auction Display and one for Kelli's group matching tops and backs. They got so much done. We even did a little spraying outside. Lunch, which was turkey roll-ups, fruit salad, chips and soda with leftover sweets for desert, was a hit. At lunch time, Carol Pettis and her husband came by to deliver 54 quilts she had made throughout the year. She was still there when The Girl Scouts from Chandler troop #1312 came in to deliver the quilts and fleece blankets they had made. These were their very first projects they had completed yet they donated them to AZ Blankets 4 Kids. What great girls. The Door Prize Basket was won by Joan Most from LPG. A second door prize (Harkin's tickets donated by Sandy Howell) was won by Jeanette Baetzle's aunt, Rose Tranchita, visiting from Chicago. A raffle quilt made by Nancy Gilman was won by Linda Teehan from Needle Wielders. The 50/50 raffle was won by Sandy Howell. Of the eight quilts in the silent auction, only one was sold to Jenny Clemshaw from LPG. The total count of finished blankets was 138 including 54 donated by Carol Pettis and others from the Girl Scouts and the Church of the Brethren-Papago Buttes.





Thank you, Phyllis Akins, for your many years of service on the board of Arizona Blankets for Kids!

When Phyllis Akins retired from the Mesa Police Department in July of 1998, she discovered a volunteer opportunity with Project Linus. With three other ladies, Phyllis started a local chapter of Project Linus to produce blankets for ill and severely traumatized children in the Metro Phoenix area. However, just as they were getting the chapter started, Project Linus sent them a letter that they were no longer going to be serving as their national sponsor. This prompted Phyllis and her group to work hard to form their own local non-profit organization and, thus, Arizona Blankets 4 Kids was born. In the early days, funds were raised solely through holding raffles and Phyllis is most proud of her success in fund-raising. After the third quilt was raffled, donations and grants were secured to make it possible for AZB4K to continue year after year. Phyllis has held the positions of President, Vice-President and Preemies Coordinator during her many years on the Board of AZB4K. Although she will not be on the Board officially, Phyllis promises that she will still be working with us to continue the success of her beloved organization.

AZB4K Board Members 2013-2014

President - Gloria Wood

Secretary - Nancy Gilman

Vice-President - Letty Fowell

Treasurer - Barbara Middleton

Committee Members

Agency Committee - Cheryl Freeman, Chair, Carole Willsey, Kelli Nemec

Bee Coordinators - Karen Johnston, Donna Hubar

Distribution Committee- Carole Willsey, Chair, Mary Duennes, Mary Stolze, Cheryl Freeman, Laura Alexander

Kit Coordinator - Jeanette Baetsle

Newsletter - Sylvia Robles

Volunteer Records - Peg Adams

Webmaster - Kelli Nemec

AZB4K Welcomes New Board Member Donna Hubar





The President's Letter

AZ Blankets 4 Kids expands to new age levels

This year we were very fortunate to have students as well as adult participants to share our goals of providing blankets for seriously ill and traumatized children.

In December, we visited a kindergarten class in Peoria that donated 10 blankets that were donated to them by a grandmother of one of the students. It was their Christmas gift to our program.

A Girl Scout Troop from Chandler wanted to participate by learning to tie and make blankets. An article about our visit appears on page 4 of this Newsletter. They also came to our sewing bee on October 12th at the Chandler Police Department and gave us their beautiful blankets, along with some nice double face fleece blankets that were also donated. What a fine group of Girl Scouts that were dedicated to this wonderful project.

Our next youth was Dallas Wood who earned his Eagle Scout badge by gathering a truck load of sewing supplies to support our program. An article about his efforts appears also on page 4 of this Newsletter. The project was completed and he earned his Eagle Scout badge. A "BIG THANKS" to all of you wonderful hard workers as we received a total of 6,329 blankets for this past year. We could not have done this without ALL of your help. As my second term as President comes to an end, my sincere "thanks" to ALL of you for making our program a success.

Hugs & Stitches,

Letty Fowell, President

WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING BEES!

January 10, 2014
Weavers' Needle RV Park
 250 S Tomahawk Rd
 Apache Junction

February 22, 2014
La Hacienda RV Park
 1797 W 28th Ave
 Apache Junction

January 25, 2014
Holiday Village RV Park
 701 S Dobson Rd
 Mesa

March 29, 2014
Fountain of the Sun
 540 S 80th St
 Mesa

April 26, 2014
Sunland Springs Village
 2240 Springwood Blvd
 Mesa



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

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

2990 N Alma School Rd #3
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, #8107

Scrapbook Etc

2820 E University #111
Mesa, AZ (480) 854-2303

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!!



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Bee Reports

Saturday, April 13, 2013

Sunland Springs Village
Mesa
54 - Attendees
193 - Total blankets from this event

Saturday, June 22, 2013

Las Palmas Grand
Mesa
64 - Attendees
133 - Total blankets from this event

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Chandler Police Dept.
Chandler
48 - Attendees
138 - Total blankets from this event

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
Chandler 10:00 to 4:00

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