November 2015

Azie's Blanket Coverage

Blanket Delivery Update

Thank you Volunteers!

Your generous donations have made it possible for AZ Blankets 4 Kids to distribute 2,632 blankets to various agencies that assist seriously ill and traumatized children during the months of May 2014 thru September 2015

Total deliveries from inception to date are:

92,804!!

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April Bee at Sunland Springs

This beautiful Tumbling Block quilt made by Mary Stolze (left) of SSV (and a member of the AZB4K Board) was raffled and won by another SSV resident Joyce Day (Right)

AZ Blanket's President Gloria Wood (left) presents Appreciation Certificate to Linda Schuler of SSV for hosting a wonderful Bee.

SSV Resident Rita Vautrin (right) accepts this bountiful door prize basket from Board member Letty Fowell who assembled the basket

April 18th Bee

Bags of Work in Process:

Blankets needing quilting and quilts needing binding. Almost finished!

Tim Most from Las Palmas Grand was the Lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle. Presented by Board member Karen Johnston

June Bee at Las Palmas Grand

President Gloria Wood presents Appreciation Certificate to Joan Most for hosting the Bee

It was hot outside on June 16th, but inside the cool Las Palmas Grand auditorium, 52 guests gathered for fun, food and prizes. In the process they completed 115 blankets for the AZ Blankets kids.

Sylvia Saffel was the happy winner of the 50/50 Raffle (below)

Letty Fowell presents the beautiful basket she made to the door prize winner Minerva Williams

Important decisions being made about what fabric would look best in a quilt!!

The winners of the raffles were:

Jeanette Baetsle (left) won the table runner and hot pads, and

Allie Watkins (right) won a basket full of beautiful fabric put together by Jan Bennett

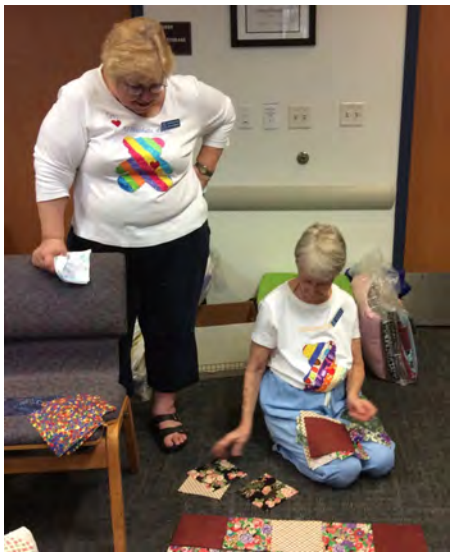
October Bee at Chandler Police Dept.

Door Prize was won byMarilyn Clever from Needle Wielders

October 10th was a beautiful day for our first Bee of the new season.

With a small crowd we still managed to turn in 145 quilts.

50/50 winner Leticia Calderon accepting winnings from Gloria Wood



Jeanette Baetsle and Mary Duennes arrange blocks into a quilt on their "design floor." The only empty surface around.

Sandy Howell (left) won one of the raffle quilts presented by Mary Duennes

Linda Christensen (right) won the second raffle quilt. Presented by Barbara Davenport

Above: Enjoying lunch outside the police department community room on a sunny day.
Left: Wonderful volunteers hard at work.

Just one of the 30+ agencies we support

AZ Blankets 4 Kids delivers blankets to more than 30 different agencies. Our blankets are given to seriously ill and traumatized kids to keep as their own. Several of our agencies provide blankets to foster kids who often have little they can call their own. Helen's Hope Chest serves about 150 foster children each month. You do make a difference. Thank you all!

Helen's Hope Chest fulfills the dreams of thousands of foster children from throughout the East Valley and beyond by providing them with quality clothing, school supplies, books, gift cards, toys, games, blankets and more at no cost to their foster parents.

Helen's Hope Chest depends on the generosity of people like you to provide this valuable service. Find out how you can help put smiles on the faces of foster children by calling 480-969-5411.

Helen's Hope Chest recently moved to 126 E University Drive in Mesa (northwest corner of University and Pasadena, between Center Street and Mesa Drive).

Your chance to WIN

This vintage quilt, made in 1925, is called "Grandmother's Garden." It is in perfect shape and will be raffled at the end of this Bee season with the drawing to take place at our June 18, 2016 Bee at Las Palmas Grand. You don't need to be present to win.

Tickets can be purchased at the bees or from any board member. Or call our phone line 480 283-8746 and we can mail them to you.

Tickets are One for $1, Six for $5 or 15 for $10.

The pattern is unique and the quilting is beautiful.

How you can help AZB4K

A donation to AZ Blankets 4 Kids could give you a dollar for dollar reduction in your state taxes.

Arizona offers a Tax Credit for CASH donations to qualified charitable organizations. We qualify!

Taxpayers filing as "married filing joint" may claim a maximum credit of **$400.** Taxpayers filing as "single," head of household" or "married filing separate" status may claim a maximum credit of **$200.**

Mail your donation by December 31st to AZ Blankets 4 Kids, Inc, PO Box 11206; Tempe, AZ 85284-0021 or use our PayPal link on our web site: www.AZBlankets4Kids.com.

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.

You shop. Amazon gives.
Welcome to
amazonsmile

Shop through the Amazon Smile web site, 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!

Super Volunteer - Sandy Howell

Sandy Howell will be spotlighted in the SRP employee newsletter, Here is part of what she said to her employer about her volunteer experience:

How long have you volunteered with AZ Blankets for Kids? *I started volunteering for AZ Blankets for Kids 12 years ago (in 2003).*

What brought you to the organization? *I belonged to a motorcycle club, Goldwing Road Rider's Association Chapter F that wanted to start fundraising for a charity that focused on kids in our local community. We learned that the organization started in 2001 and is run completely through donations by volunteers. There are no paid staff members. 100% of the funds they receive go directly towards creating and distributing blankets to local seriously ill, and traumatized children through hospitals, shelters, police and fire departments and other organizations that serve children at their most vulnerable time.*

This organization fit perfectly into what we were looking for. We organized our first fundraiser, a Chili Cook-Off, to benefit AZ Blankets for Kids. Every year after we did an annual fundraiser with all proceeds raised going to AZ Blankets for Kids. We held outdoor breakfasts, silent auctions, and yard sales.

In 2009 I decided to go to one of the many quilting bees held by AZ Blankets for Kids just to see what they did with the funds we raised for them. Although I knew nothing about quilting and almost no one knew me, I was welcomed with open arms by everyone. Not only were the organizations board members willing to help and teach, but everyone there was helpful. I was so impressed with how friendly everyone was and how organized the process was that I've gone to almost every quilting bee since. I also do some work at home between bees.

When Sandy and her husband Bob were involved with the motorcycle group she speaks of, F-Troop our largest donor for many years and really made AZB4K grow into what it is today. Sandy has also apply for a "Dollar for Doers" through SRP resulting in more contributions to AZB4K.

Sandy has been an inspiration to all of us. Thanks Sandy!

Newly elected Board of Directors AZ Blankets 4 Kids, Inc

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

We have one new Board Member: Barbara Davenport who will be assisting our Kit Coordinator. Barbara lives in Sunland Springs Village and was very busy at all of our Bees last year. We're so happy to welcome her to the Board.

Executive Board

Standing: Kelli Nemec, Vice President & Social Media, and Jeanette Baetsle, President;

Seated: Nancy Gilman, Secretary and Barbara Middleton, Treasurer

Distribution

Laura Alexander; Linda Christensen, chairman; Mary Duennes; Mary Stolze and Cheryl Freeman

Other Board Members

Letty Fowell, Kit Coordinator, Donna Hubar, Bee Coordinator; Peg Adams, Volunteer Roster, Gloria Wood, Ass't Bee Coordinator, Barbara Davenport, Ass't Kit Coordinator and Karen Johnston, Newsletter

President's Message

Happy Holidays and Welcome to the 2016 Bee Season

Welcome back to all of our winter visitors. Without you we would not have the success that we have.

It has been a wonderfully productive year. New friends, old friends young and old have helped to make this year very productive. "Thank You" to all who helped create wonderful quilts for our children that are hurting emotionally and physically. Sharing your talents, time, and love by making blankets for seriously ill or traumatized children is most rewarding.

Donations big or small collectively make our mission a success. We have been blessed this year with an abundance of donations. During the upcoming months we will be distributing this wealth among you. Thank you to the groups that responded to our letter of inquiry. Some of you have already received your grant. The rest will be forth coming. Thank you for your dedication.

At years end we made and distributed 7,665 blankets in 2015. This coming year we are looking to see our 100,000th blanket, we are close. Keep the sewing machines going.

There will also be a vintage quilt that will be raffled. The raffle will last the Bee season. See page 4.

See you at the next Bee in January.
Thank you one and all.

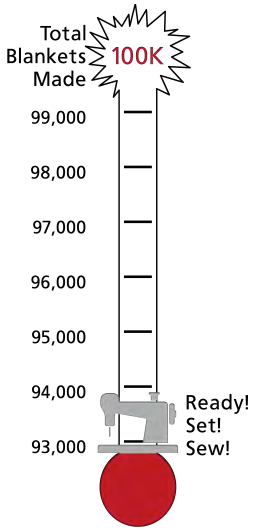
"Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless."
Anonymous

Gloria Wood
President

April 18, 2015
Sunland Springs Village
Mesa
53 - Attendees
63 - Total Blankets

June 19, 2015
Las Palmas Grand
Mesa
52 - Attendees
115 - Total Blankets

October 10, 2015
Chandler Police Dept
Chandler
37 - Attendees
145 - Total Blankets



We have some BIG news to share! Since AZ Blankets 4 Kids began in 2001, through the end of September 2015, we've distributed 92,804 blankets. With your help, we believe 2016 is the year we reach our goal of 100,000 distributed blankets! After each month's distribution totals are in, we'll post this goal graphic on Facebook to show how we're doing.

Ready! Set! Sew!

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

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
13825 N 32nd St
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

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

Upcoming Bees

Friday, Jan 8, 2016 9:00-3:00
Weavers Needle; 250 S Tomahawk Rd., Apache Junction

Saturday, Jan 23, 2016 9:00-3:00
Holiday Village: 701 S Dobson Rd, Mesa

Saturday, Feb 27, 2016 9:00-3:00
La Hacienda RV Resort, 1797 W 28th St Apache Junction

Saturday, Apr 23, 2016 9:00-3:00
Sunland Springs Village, 2240 Springwood Blvd, Mesa

Saturday, Jun 18, 2016 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 10:00 to 3:00
Palmas del Sol - Scrap Happy Quilters 6209 E McKellips Rd, Mesa

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