



Quilts for Kids:

Volunteer quilters transforming fabrics into patchwork quilts that comfort children in need

Northeast Georgia Chapter

May 2014

Thanks to Elleda Rule for our refresher course in rotary cutting. Our first Thursday workshop was attended by 13 volunteers who cut over 30 kits by lunchtime. Thanks to all who helped.

We made The Paper of Flowery Branch on 4-2-14 announcing our 2nd anniversary and picturing our volunteers at 2 workshops.



On a lighter note, I'd like to share the scene I observed one morning as I looked out on the hill beyond our backyard. The black cat is made of plywood and has marbles for eyes. The grey cat, I have never seen before but doesn't it look relaxed and at home? It just made me laugh as I grabbed the camera. :)

As the month of April is ending and I reflect back on our work, I am totally exhausted. April has been the most fun and challenging month in our existence. We have had more volunteer inquiries and have accomplished more work than ever before. It has been a challenge to keep up with the phone calls and emails, but it has been so rewarding to see the explosion of growth and interest in our project. And also as a result, I made weekly deliveries to the hospital. This is my favorite activity of the chapter and personally, it refuels me to see the kids.

Also as the month progressed we plotted and planned our *Celebration Event* for May 1st. I have primarily kept it a secret in hopes of surprising you all with the news. Tomorrow is the unveiling day, so if you miss the event, don't worry. I will issue an extra newsletter in May to present the details. Join us if you can, or watch for the newsflash soon.

Tomorrow is for all of you! This is your recognition for a job well done!

Can we top this? Why of course we can.

Betty Wright, Chapter Leader

April 4th

Northeast Ga Medical Center delivery was to 4 kids ages 4 days to 12 years. Pictured left is: 17 month old Genesis



April 11th

Northeast Ga Medical Center delivery was to 7 kids ages newborn to 15 years. Five were boys and 2 were girls. The two newborn were twin boys who had been moved from NICU to the regular nursery. Their parents are friends of a special supporter of our chapter, (see page 7 for the "Rest of the Story".)

April 18th

Northeast Ga Medical Center delivery was to 7 kids ranging in age from 1 month to 17 years. There were 5 girls and 2 boys. Quilts made from Easter-themed fabrics were given to the younger kids and 4 extra quilts were left with the nurses for the treatment room in case any other admissions occur during the weekend.

April 25th

Northeast Ga Medical Center delivery was to 5 kids ages 2 months to 17 years. There were 4 boys and 1 girl. Three extra quilts were left with the nurses for the treatment room. Afterwards, quilts were taken to Gateway DV Shelter and given to 2 boys ages 4 and 15.

That gives us the following totals for April:

KITS

Cut **81**

Given out **53**

Mailed out **3**

QUILTS

Finished **32**

Donated **21**

Total kits signed out to be turned back in **121**

Total quilts given to kids in April **38**

Total quilts given in 2014 **155**

Total quilts given since Chapter began in 2012 692

Remember this picture from the February newsletter?

Well here's the REST OF THE STORY...



Hi,

My daughter was hospitalized at Northeast Georgia Hospital 12-31-13 to 1-10-14. She received a quilt on our second night there from one of the nurses. On our last day there some ladies came in to take our picture with the quilt but we had already packed it up in the car since we were being discharged. I wanted to send you guys a picture of our sweet HEALTHY girl on the quilt. We love it and so does she. It's the blanket she always plays on :) Thank you for your kindness and time of making these quilts to give to kids in the hospital. It was such a blessing to receive such a wonderful gift in a difficult time. We will always cherish it!

The Ellis'

Attached is a picture of her on the quilt right after we came home with it. She's much bigger now, but I did want to send you guys a picture of it with her.



Pictured are some of the finished quilts turned in this month.









The twins made their first trip out of the house -- one of the pictures is here and another appeared on the front of Sports in The Times this morning. Tate and Patrick loved the blankets and said they are being used.

University of Georgia head football coach Mark Richt poses Tuesday night with Gainesville residents Patrick and Tate O'Rourke, and their 3-week-old sons Wright (yawning) and Benson at the Gainesville Civic Center. Tate O'Rourke is a 2005 UGA alum and Patrick O'Rourke graduated in 2004.

January Quilts delivered to:

Northeast Ga Med Center	34
Gateway Domestic Violence Shelter	2
Other	2

Thanks for:

Fabulous Fabric: Carol J.

Donated Quilts: Dianne F., Betty G., Rebecca B., Jane B., Margaret McG., Janet G., Joan G.,

New Volunteers: Rick & Kathy T., Chris M., Rose R., Cheryl T., Diane E., Mildred R., Lindsey M., Jan W., Stacey C., Mary N., Diane H., Joyce T., Barbara S., Paula P.,



Please direct any questions regarding donations to:

Betty Wright at NortheastGaQ4K@gmail.com or call 678-617-9671

Quilts for Kids is a 501C3 charity.

Reminders on sewing your quilts:

1. Quilt with stitch-in-the-ditch or other technique all over the quilt.
2. Don't forget to quilt the outer border.
3. Sign the label and machine stitch it to the back bottom corner of the quilt.
4. Wash the quilt and return it in the 2 gallon bag.
5. Return any extra fabric scraps along with kit bag and instructions.
6. Add "Lots of Love" to the quilt. The kids can feel it!



Workshop Dates

Family Life Center (A/C Room)

First Baptist Gainesville

751 Green Street Gainesville, Ga. 30501

10:00am to 2:00 pm

May 1* Special Recognition Day*****

Please join us for this historic occasion

June 5, July 3, Aug 1, Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4

Hopewell UMC Fellowship Hall

4723 Hopewell Church Road

Gainesville (Murrayville area)

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug 13, Sept 9, Oct 14,

Nov 11, Dec 9



Bring your machine or cutting materials and your lunch and join us for cutting, sewing and fellowship!