



Quilts for Kids:

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

Northeast Georgia Chapter

October 2013

September has been a busy month for our chapter. We continue to grow as the news spreads about our project. Workshops are active, productive and fun as we work together to make our quilts. This month we cut 35 kits, signed out 23 kits, took in 16 finished quilts, 13 donated quilts and donated 14 quilts to the hospital, 10 to Gateway shelter and 3 pillowcases to Family Promise, and signed up 8 new volunteers.

Thanks to all that are participating and to those who continue to spread the news of our work. There is always a need for more volunteers, fabric, and 2 gallon plastic Ziploc bags, so help as you can, when you can. It is very much appreciated!

And before you turn the page to see the quilts, kids and features this month, take a moment to view the photo below. It tells a wonderful story that all residents of NE Georgia should know. How lucky we are to have this medical facility in our neighborhood.

Betty Wright, Chapter Leader

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100 TOP HOSPITALS
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This month we proudly introduce two of our volunteers to you. First is "Miss" Era C. who attends the Hopewell UMC workshops.



Era began to quilt in 1975 after watching her husband's mother and aunts quilt for years. She was living in South DeKalb County off Flat Shoals Road in Southeast Atlanta. She has made quilts for her two children, her grandchildren, friends and numerous others. She really can't count how many she has made....all by hand.

On one of the workshop days, Miss Era brought this beautiful hand-stitched quilt to show us. It was made over 10 years ago. She has several quilts in her house including a cathedral window which required 23 yards of muslin and hundreds of small colored squares.

Miss Era now uses her sewing machine to make quilts for kids and has made several during the last year.

Some of the finished quilts this month (continued on page 4 & 5)



The second featured volunteer is Hermine P., a participant of the Georgia Sewing & Quilting Block of the Month program.

Hermine spent her childhood growing up in Miami, Florida. Quilts were not part of her life at all as it was always so hot. The most important thing growing up there was fitting into a new bathing suit each year and dealing with constant bad hair days due to the humidity.

She attended college at the University of Florida in Gainesville. It was even hotter there and she remembers her first dorm did not have air conditioning so she doesn't think she even slept with a top sheet on her bed as it was so hot.

When she moved to Atlanta to attend Emory Graduate School, she bought her first coat at Rich's. She finally found out there were 4 seasons. She got her first Math teaching job in Dekalb County in 1974 and taught for 35 years. She retired in 2008 and began to enjoy "crafting".

In 2008, Hermine made two memory quilts with tee shirts from trips that her "significant other" and she had gone on—Brazil three times, Australia twice, Cancun three times, Hawaii three times, Colorado, New Orleans, Chicago, etc. He was a big Ole Miss fan and was on the football team until he hurt his knee. She made the two quilts for his daughters when he passed away. Hermine's Math teacher friend and fellow quilter, Shirley, was her inspiration, and helped her complete them and get them quilted.



Since then, she has done many block of the month quilts, a round quilt (quilts without corners), a scalloped edge quilt, a one block wonder, etc. She enjoys doing Quilts for Kids for those children who are ill. "I hope that the quilts that I have made for them help to brighten their days in the hospital" says Hermine.

Hermine has also been very supportive of the Q4K Chapter by sewing quilts or donating fabric almost every month. She is also instrumental in connecting us with Hall County Quilt Guild.

More Fabulous Quilts! *(continued from page 2)*





September 2nd delivery was to 5 kids in the hospital, 3 girls and 2 boys ages 6 days to 9 years.

An additional quilt was requested for the aunt of the 6 day old boy. She was on the maternity ward after having lost her baby who was to be born in December. With so much sadness and joy in the same family, maybe a quilt would be cheer to this lady. It did. And we both were tearing up.

September 13th delivery to Ne Ga Med Ctr to seven children on the Pediatric floor.



Left: Drew, 14 yrs old

Right: Hunter,
7 yrs old

See how the quilts
made them SMILE!

Thanks to Peggy G.,
Anna and Tommy S. for
helping with the
delivery.



Gateway Domestic Violence Shelter has 5 new families with a total of 10 kids ages 1 to 12 years. I delivered the quilts on Sept 13th.

September 27th delivery was to a 14 year old boy who was in surgery when we arrived. One of the nurses chose a fishing quilt for him to receive when he returns from recovery.

Also we delivered pillowcases to 3 teenagers (2 boys, 1 girl) whose family is graduating from Family Promise Program and moving into an apartment this weekend.

Q4K volunteer and advisor, Mary L. at Hall County Quilt Guild's Show & Tell sharing a photo of her 4 grandchildren's artistic accomplishment this summer. Their assignment was to choose a quilt square and colors and paint it on the basement door.

Don't you agree that they did a great job?

Now that's two barn quilt squares for the Northeast Georgia Q4K tour. One in Gainesville and one in Flowery Branch. If you have made a square, send me a photo to include in our newsletter and Q4K tour.

Email to: NortheastGaQ4K@Gmail.com



(From the mother of Drew pictured on page 6)

Betty,

Thanks so much for your kindness and generosity!

Even though Drew is 6'2" and 184 pounds, Diana's quilt truly lifted his spirits and comforted him as he began his road to recovery after his surgery last Friday (9/13/13). He is a Freshman at North Gwinnett High School and sustained a "season-ending" knee injury in his football game last Thursday night (9/12/13). He is a starting Wide Receiver and Linebacker on the team and his team will truly miss him. Needless to say, he was very frustrated and upset about the extent of his injury since he has been preparing since last January.

We were so blessed to receive the quilt from Diana. While experiencing chills from his anesthesia, we gave him an extra layer of comfort when he asked us to cover his shoulders with his "football blanket." He said that receiving the quilt made his day!

Thanks a million and may your quilters and volunteers continue to be blessed!

Sincerely,

The J. Family – Mr. & Mrs. J., Drew, and his siblings (Daniel & Chantal)

May Quilts delivered to:

Northeast Ga Med Center	14
Gateway DV Shelter	10
Family Promise of Hall County	0

Pillowcases delivered to:

Family Promise of Hall County	3
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Thanks to:



DONATIONS:

Fabulous fabric: Sue Z., Marion M., Linda B., HCQG, Hermine P.

Donated quilts: Judy M, Betty G., Hertha H., Jenny T., Marilyn J., Bonnie S., Peggy G.

Donated pillowcases:

Black Tote donated by The Ship Station at:
250 John Morrow Jr. Pkwy Gainesville, 30501

Please direct any questions regarding donations to:
Betty Wright at
NortheastGaQ4K@gmail.com

New Volunteers & Supporters:

Chris A.
Amy B.
Anna S.
Hertha H.
Jenny T.
Ellen B.
Michelle S.
Marge T.
Tommy S.
Martha G.
Barbara W.

Workshop Dates

Family Life Center (A/C Room)

First Baptist Gainesville

751 Green Street Gainesville, Ga. 30501

10:00am to 2:00 pm*

Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5

New Hours →

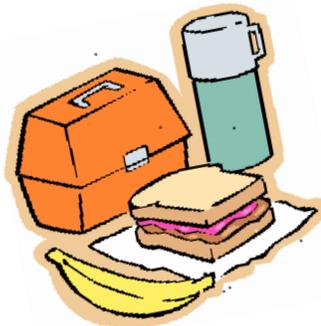
Hopewell UMC Fellowship Hall

4723 Hopewell Church Road

Gainesville (Murrayville area)

Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10

10:00 am to 2:00 pm



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