**Philanthropy Information 2024**

Projects and Contacts and Dimensions

 Sleep in Heavenly Peace - quilts to go with bunk bed builds.

Diane Fogarty

Quilts roughly 40” x 60”

Big Bend Hospice – quilts for wheelchair or twin bed and pillowcases

Tracy Wood, Monticello Office (the Tallahassee office will transport)

Quilts and Wheelchair Laptops – 40” x 40” to 50” x 70”

Pillowcases – burrito-style selvage-to-selvage x 27”, 10” and 1 ½”

 Tallahassee Memorial Hospital NICU quilts and isolettes

 Shelley Woodyard

Quiet quilts 24” x 26” and dark-on-one-side isolettes 40” x 60”, no batting

 Veteran Laptop Quilts for Wheelchair use

 Peggy Clark and Roberta Granville

 Quilts – red, white and blue 40” x 40”, can include florals

 Quilts of Valor

 Roberta Granville

 Quilts according to criteria on QU website

 Pet Beds

 Roberta Granville

These are used in veterinarian offices for cats and dogs and given to new owners.

 (Details of construction are being clarified.)

There are other causes that we can consider. This is one of the choices of the current co-chairs.

Donations and Places to pass on to

Donations usually come from individuals. However, we have an arrangement with the sewing group named Bags for Hope who make items to sell in their boutique to earn money for Hospice. We can pick fabric from their discards which often provides us with top quality fat quarters. Occasionally, large pieces for backings. They sort at Fellowship Presbyterian Church on alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays.

 Schedule:

Fabric too thin, rough or ugly for quilts that is selvage-to-selvage can be given to Rags to Bags to be torn into 5” strips and braided for handles on their Sustainable Bags that they give away. Also, sturdy or non-cotton fabrics too heavy for quilts can be given to them for the bags. (Same might be good for Pet Beds.)

Management of Donations

Advise that donations be sorted as soon as possible to clear out unwanted items and to determine if any of the remaining fabric needs to be washed. We plan to discuss condition of donations at the March 2024 QU Meeting.

Creation of Kits

A system could be created for dividing the donations into suitable types of kits. Such as quilt-as-you-go kits made up of selvage-to-selvage strips to sew onto flannels or fleeces (no batting required!). And traditionally pieced quilt patterns with instructions and enough yardage provided. A set of patterns could be collected and used for many quilts. Strongly suggest letting the person who takes to kit do the cutting.

Assembly of Quilt Sandwiches

Whoever houses the batting logically should also house the largest pieces of fabric to use for backing typically measuring on the shorter dimension 48” x 2 = 96” or 2 yards and 2 feet. Note: piecing on the cross dimension reduces bulk build up when rolled on a long-arm quilting machine. Any quilts set as long-arm style quilting should be squared and 8” should be added to the dimensions of the top for the batting and the backing. For long-arm the batting can be whole or pieced but whole is preferred.

Sandwiches made for regular type machine quilting should have 4” added to the dimensions of the top for the batting and the backing. Whole or pieced batting can be used successfully. Batting can be pieced with a wide zig-zag stitch or with a fusible strip product. The fusible is excellent for maintaining an even tension between the two pieces of batting

We include in the sandwich materials enough fabric for the binding. ½ yard in usually more than enough but it might be a good idea to calculate. Binding cut on cross-grain or bias is fine.

I have always said to the person who does the binding (which may or may not be the person who did the quilting) they may choose a different binding of their own if they prefer. I also let our members keep leftovers if they have a project in mind.

Names of Long-Arm Quilters and Binders

The long-arm quilters may or may not be willing to take a quilt. Important to ask rather than assume. Binders the same but they are more flexible.

Thoughts from previous Philanthropy Chair – Ann Gaber

Encourage piecers to make tops of a size that they can quilt themselves. We would still be glad to provide the batting and the backing if we have something suitable.