

Donations of Warmth and Comfort

On the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, you will find a group of dedicated and talented women working away in the basement of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Carleton Place.

In fact, the Comfort Quilters - as they are known - have just celebrated their 10th anniversary together. Over the past decade, they have made more than 200 quilts for patients at Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital! The quilts are given to longer-term and palliative patients and are sent home with families.

“As the number of quilts we made grew, we thought it would be a good idea to give the quilts away and patients at the hospital seemed like the obvious choice,” explains Liz Campbell, one of three founding members. “Quilts are like friends - a great source of comfort and warmth.”

“It’s great to make something good out of a pile of material. It’s very rewarding,” adds Gay Desarmia. Connie Prichett is the newest member of the team and says the comradery is important. “Everyone is encouraging and helpful and I’ve learned a lot. And the good news is that you can’t be fired!”

Nurse Manager Laurie Scissons is grateful for these creative women: “The patients are thrilled to receive such a special gift. It is a wonderful act of kindness and we can’t thank the Comfort Quilters enough. They are amazing community volunteers.”

The Comfort Quilters gratefully accept donations of materials and supplies. New members are most welcome and experience is not necessary. For more information, email Liz Campbell at 613-257-4737 or quilting_queen_mother@hotmail.com.



The Comfort Quilters include (l-r): Liz Campbell, Connie Prichett, Debbie Brady, Ruth Boyce & Gay Desarmia. Missing: Elizabeth Henry, Marilyn White and Lorna Drummond.