



Autumn 2004 Edition

Phoenix, AZ

Azie's Blanket Coverage

Blanket Delivery

Update

Thank you, volunteers! Your generous donations have made it possible for AZ Blankets 4 Kids to distribute **5,456** blankets to various agencies that assist seriously ill and traumatized children during our fiscal year ended September, 2004!

Total deliveries from inception to date :

18,075!

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Autumn Blanket Bee at Chandler Police Department

Thanks to a wonderful turnout of enthusiastic volunteers, our Autumn Blanket Bee at the Chandler Police Department on October 16 was a great success! Highlights of the day included arrivals of colorful armloads of finished blankets, guest speaker Linda Thompson, R.N. of Phoenix Children's Hospital N.I.C.U., a quilt raffle, presentations by AZB4K board and committee members, and most importantly the steady hum of sewing machines and busy quilters! A total of 162 blankets were collected or completed at the bee, with 33 volunteers and board members in attendance.

It was our pleasure to welcome Linda Thompson, R.N. of the Phoenix Children's Hospital N.I.C.U. as our guest speaker. She gave a very moving and informative presentation about our tiniest blanket recipients. At any given time, their N.I.C.U. is home to as many as 50 babies, some as small as one pound. October through December is their busiest time; all but two of their spots were filled that day. With pictures and stories to share, Linda explained that when families come in to the N.I.C.U., **"they see wires, tubes and all of the equipment . . . then they see your blankets and it gives them hope."**



Mary Duennes, Linda Thompson & Vicky Varga



Las Palmas Grand quilters donated 70 blankets, bringing their year to date total to 300!

Congratulations to first-time bee attendee and raffle winner D. Kay Reed! A Blanket Bee Raffle was held for a charming red work quilt, pictured below. The nostalgic, hand-embroidered quilt, from a pattern titled, "Children at Play," was donated by AZB4K volunteer Thelma McGaughey. Special thanks to Thelma, the Chandler Police Department



First-time bee attendee and raffle winner, D. Kay Reed

ment and to all who participated in our Autumn Blanket Bee! Join us for the **Spring Blanket Bee on March 19, 2005, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, Chandler Police Department Community Room.

EMMANUEL PINES CAMP

PRESCOTT, AZ

Hello from your camp director, Elliot.

I want to thank everyone who came to our first of many AZB4K quilt camps. You all made the weekend together special. We not only had fun quilting together, we had fun laughing, talking and working together to accomplish something great. Together we completed seven child-sized blankets. We especially had fun making the 47 preemie quilts that seemed to fly through our sewing machines. We also learned a few things together. We learned a new way to tie quilts, how to make a fabric coaster for our coffee mugs in five minutes out of five pieces of fabric scraps, and that we all hate figuring out quilting puzzles.

The staff and facilities at Emmanuel Pines were wonderful, and of course the food was outstanding.

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www.azblankets4kids.com
 or call the Blanket Line at
 (480) 283-8746

Together the campers took up a collection on our last day at camp and presented a donation to Emmanuel Pines of \$55.00 for their improvement project of buying new furniture.



I had so much fun planning and keeping things moving along at camp. I hope you all will consider giving us feedback to let us know what you thought and what you would like to see next year. Yes, that's right! I said next year. Mark your calendars for August 19th, 2005. I am happy to announce that campers and quilt shop owners Kittie and Natalie at Cutting Edge Quiltworks have offered to sponsor AZB4K Quilt Camp 2005.

Thanks to all,
Elliot

Join us! The AZ Blankets 4 Kids Board is seeking volunteers interested in joining us as committee members or future officers. Contact us for more information about Newsletter, Historian/Scrapbook or other committees!

Blanket Guidelines

We have developed the following blanket guidelines based on feedback from our recipient agencies.

Materials

100% cotton fabrics in child-friendly patterns and colors. For knitted or crocheted blankets, please use washable, acrylic yarns. We have had an increasing number of requests for flannel receiving blankets and fleece blankets.

Construction

All blankets should be machine or hand quilted, or tied every four to six inches with a square knot (except Preemies). These blankets are well-used and need to be durable and washable. If tied, agencies request that we use pearl cotton or embroidery thread as opposed to yarn.
Visit our website at www.azblankets4kids.com for pattern ideas or use your own.

If you are using a kit provided by AZ Blankets 4 Kids, please follow the directions provided to en-

Knitted or crocheted blankets should be closely knit to protect small fingers and toes and **no smaller than 36" X 36" in size (not suitable for preemies).**

Sizes

Preemies 16" x 16" to 18"x 18" Blankets must have flannel backing, no batting and minimal quilting. Either stitch from corner to corner in an X or stitch 2" from edges on all four sides. Do not tie. Infant-themed colors and prints are preferred.

Infant 36" x 36" or larger

Toddler 36" x 44" (one yard of fabric)

Child 36" x 44" or larger

Teens 40" x 60" or larger

We often receive requests for more blankets suitable for boys or in gender neutral colors and patterns, especially in the Teen size. Thank you for keeping our teenaged recipients in mind.

Blanket Bee at Mountain View Stake LDS - Saturday, November 6, 2004

Saturday, November 6 is the Mountain View Stake LDS Quilting Bee at 3345 E. McLellan in Mesa (near Val Vista & McKellips Road) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to help this group tie over 200 quilts that they plan to have ready to donate to AZ Blankets 4 Kids! Betty Riffil of Child Protective Services will be on hand to speak to the group about the children they serve.

Thank you to the Mountain View Stake LDS for planning this event and for their generous support!

The church will also be conducting a blood drive that day and invites interested volunteers to participate. For more information or to schedule a time to donate blood, please contact Lily Heiner at (480) 461-9772.

Tickets On Sale Now! 2005 Raffle Quilt



*AZB4K 2005 Raffle Quilt
"Circling Swallows"*

Introducing our AZB4K 2005 Raffle Quilt!

Tickets are on sale now for this year's raffle quilt. The queen-size quilt top was pieced and donated by AZB4K volunteer Thelma McGaughey, and quilted by Louise Haley. The Circling Swallows pattern is worked in shades of blue on a white background. Many thanks to these two quilters for sharing their time and talents to create this unique and beautiful quilt for us.

The quilt will be on display at various venues from November, 2004, through March, 2005. Please watch our website for more information. We would welcome the opportunity to display our raffle quilt at your meeting or community event. Please call the blanket line at (480) 283-8746 to schedule a date!

Ticket prices are one for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00, and may be purchased at any of our display dates or by mail. To enter by mail, please complete the ticket below and send it with your check, payable to AZ Blankets 4 Kids, Inc., to P.O. Box 11206, Tempe, AZ 85284-0021. The drawing will be held March 26, 2005 and the winner notified by telephone.



AZ BLANKETS 4 KIDS QUILT RAFFLE

Drawing - March 26, 2005

One for \$1.00 Six for \$5.00

Winner will be notified by telephone.

www.azblankets4kids.com

(480) 283-8746

Fed. ID # 86-1010572

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

AZIE thanks our local shops!

Next time you are out shopping for blanket-making and quilting supplies, please thank these shops for providing drop off points for AZ Blankets 4 Kids. We appreciate their support!

Bernina Southwest
7143 E. Southern Ave.
Mesa (480) 964-8914

Cottonfields Quilt & Knit
12409 W. Indian School Rd
Avondale (623) 535-0767

Cutting Edge Quiltworks
1949 W. Ray Road #38
Chandler (480) 857-3443

Quilter's Delight
8230 E. Raintree Dr. #106
Scottsdale (480) 368-9598

Quilter's Ranch
1030 E. Baseline Rd. #178,
Tempe (480) 838-8350

Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts
12228 N. Cave Creek Rd.
Phoenix

Sun Valley Quilts
9857 W. Bell Road
Sun City (623) 972-2091

Zoe's Trunk
2986 N. Alma School Rd
Mesa (480) 857-4833

**Quilter's Companion
Longarm**
14196 W. Indianola Ave.
Goodyear (623) 536-5882

Quilter's Koop
5053 E. Elliot Road
Phoenix (480) 785-0710

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 6, 2004

Blanket Bee at Mountain View Stake
3345 E. McLellan, Mesa
9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Saturday, January 29, 2005

Las Palmas Grand Quilting Bee
2250 S. Ellsworth Rd. (1 mi. south
of Baseline.)
9:30 a.m.—4 p.m.

Saturday, March 19, 2005

Spring Blanket Bee
Chandler Police Department
250 E. Chicago, Chandler
9 a.m.—3 p.m.

First Wednesday of the month

Sunrise Village Clubhouse
5402 E. McKellips (NE corner at
Higley) 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Third Thursday each month

Las Palmas Grand
2250 S. Ellsworth Rd. (1 mi. south
of Baseline) 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Fourth Thursday each month

Peace by Piece Quilters
Craftmart at Warner & Alma School,
Chandler, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

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