

## Community Service Quilts - 2009

The number and variety of quilts that are donated to the At-risk Babies and Children Quilts continues to amaze me. We were able to contribute the following quilts to organizations that distribute the quilts to children in need.

The local Foster Care Program received 34 quilts over the past 12 months and 225 quilts in total. Most of the large quilts are donated to this service as the organization informed us that more teen aged children were being referred to their program and that larger quilts with a more mature theme were necessary. Thanks to Eleanor Abbott's effort our supply of large quilts remains steady.

Thirty three baby quilts were donated to the local Teen Pregnancy/Parenting Program in the past year, bringing their total to 210 quilts.

The majority of regular baby quilts are sent to Maureen McCormack in Brooklyn, NY who distributes them to infants and children in New York City. Over the years we have sent hundreds of ABC quilts to her. In 2009, 56 baby quilts were shipped to Maureen.

The newest organization that we supply with quilts is The Economic Opportunity Program of Schuyler County that supports pregnant teens and their families in the Watkins Glen and Elmira areas. The guild has delivered 57 quilts to Sally Daniels for distribution in 2009.

Over the past year, a total of 180 quilts have been donated to various organizations. I keep about 10-15 quilts on hand in case there is a short-notice local need. With the assistance of a local organization called Mira's movement, I hope to establish a program to provide quilts to children and teens from Tompkins County who are diagnosed with cancer.

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