



THIMBLES & FRIENDS QUILTING GUILD

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Charity Quilts to Hospice

On Thursday, October 5, Mary Wainfor and Kathy Paiva delivered our charity quilts to Hospice in Taunton. They were, in Kathy's words, "Thrilled with the quilts" and the newspaper took pictures. The quilts were spread out on a table and the staff there looked, touched and "oooohed" and "aaaahhed" over them. Kathy said, "I think they expected something like afghans. When they

looked at certain ones they mentioned a child's name that they thought would like that quilt. It was really touching, because you know that child has a terminal illness. It was sad, but also good to know that we can bring a little joy and comfort to someone in that situation." Kathy added, "The staff there seem so dedicated. I felt really good leaving the quilts there with them."

A Letter from Hospice Care

Dear Thimbles & Friends Quilt Group:

On behalf of Hospice Care of Greater Taunton, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to each of you for the lovely selection of hand-made quilts recently presented to our organization. The quilts are just beautiful—you are truly talented individuals! Each of these lovely quilts will be given to a hospice patient as you requested throughout the upcoming holiday season on behalf of your talented group and in memory of quilts designed as a tribute to your loved ones.

Historically, a quilt was made by a group of people. The process of quilt making was a time for community, socializing and sharing opinions and emotions. Quilts were made for special occasions, and just as quilts were given to celebrate birth of a newborn, they were also made to memorialize a loved one.

Quilts, like hospice care, wrap us in love and remind us that life is a precious gift. Your quilts will wrap our hospice patients in love and ultimately become a lasting gift to families as a keepsake of their loved ones. Thank you again for your generosity and your kindness.

Sincerely,
Linda M. Silva
Coordinator of Volunteer Services

Dear Members of Thimbles and Friends,

I am delighted beyond words that I won the raffle quilt! I spent this cold, drizzly Columbus Day weekend on the sofa wrapped in my quilt reading and drinking tea—a dream come true.

As one who has tried but just doesn't have the talent*, I appreciate the work you all did on the quilt. It will be used gently because I hope to pass it on to the next generation of my family. Thank you again for giving someone like me the opportunity to own a quilt.

Sincerely,
Chris Hamilton
P.S. Ask Linda about my fish quilt

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