



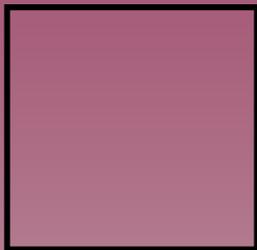
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As you know, Victoria's Quilts Canada makes and distributes handmade quilts to people with cancer. They help the person receiving the quilt to cope a little more easily with the stress and anxiety of the diagnosis as well as the discomfort associated with the treatments. The quilts are distributed to anyone who is coping with cancer, at any stage of the disease. These quilts are given as gifts with no cost to the person requesting the quilt or the person receiving it.

In its first year of operation, 12 Ottawa-area women made and distributed 16 quilts. In its 13-year history, the organization has grown immensely, and now counts some 1,000 volunteers across Canada, who make and distribute close to 400 quilts each month. Despite these impressive production numbers, we can barely keep up with the demand.

We are grateful that we have been able to help so many, whether they are in Newfoundland, British Columbia, or Nunavut. This would not have been possible without your ongoing support and dedication, whether you hold the needle that makes the quilt, wrap it for mailing, or work in the office. Or whether you are one of our many financial supporters. Recent global increases in the price of cotton have translated into increased costs of the supplies needed to make the quilts. And the demand for our quilts is also growing. We appreciate the assistance we have received, but a reliable source of funding remains a concern.



Two New Programs Help Meet the Need

Under the **Youth Initiatives Program** ten groups of young people meet in their high schools or rehabilitation centres to tie quilts, preparing them for the final binding step.

While we are benefiting with an increase in our supply of quilts, the young people have the opportunity to participate in meaningful work while earning the volunteer credits necessary for high school graduation. Future plans include expanding the program to involve some 250 students in various groups.

In 2010, the Ontario Trillium Foundation bestowed a very generous grant to accelerate the program expansion during 2011 and 2012.

Under the more recent **Community Initiatives Program**, an experienced coordinator is available to help groups organize a one-day quilting or fundraising event. The groups have included local churches and synagogues, Girl Guid groups and retirement homes. As with the youth program, the supply of quilts has increased, while the participants have enjoyed an activity that contributes to our communities' well-being.

Our Wish for the Future

Our wish for the future is that someday our quilts will no longer be needed. As Betty Giffin, the Founder of Victoria's Quilts Canada, continues to say,

"With the help of our volunteers, the community and blessings from above, we will continue to provide comfort, both physical and spiritual, to those struggling with cancer, and we will continue to grow until the day that cancer is no longer with us."

How You Can Help

- Donate your talent and time -
Become a volunteer and make a difference in someone's life.

- Make a financial donation -
Each quilt costs almost \$40 to make and deliver.

Thank You!

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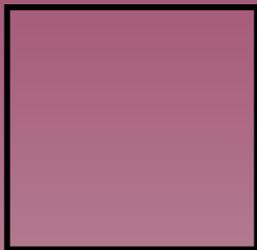
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