



York Heritage Quilters' Guild

YHQG Community Quilts Policy

YHQG Charity Work

The Guild is involved in charitable work through

- The donation of quilts to organizations that raffle them to raise money (e.g. Breast Cancer, churches, personal support organizations);
- The donation of quilts for comfort to organizations involved in emergency relief (e.g. women's shelters, nursing homes, Linus Project);
- The preparation of quilted items for special needs (e.g. placemats for Meals-on-wheels, blocks for Quilts of Valour, quilts and kits for Japan).

Member Involvement

Members may participate in the charitable activities of the guild by:

- joining the Community Outreach, a bi-weekly gathering of volunteers to prepare materials for the workshop night and kits for comfort quilts;
- attending the Community Quilt Workshop meeting night;
- taking home a prepared comfort quilt kit or donating a completed quilt;
- participating in charitable activities for special needs.

Community Outreach

The production of comfort quilts is organized by the Community Outreach made from donations of fabric to YHQG. The comfort quilts are distributed to an organization that provides emergency shelter or temporary residential facilities, for use by its clients. This group also organizes the materials for the Community Quilt Workshop Night and completes the quilts from the blocks made that night.

Community Quilt Workshop Night

One regular meeting of the guild is designated as the quilt workshop night, usually in January. Working in groups at round tables, members make blocks from materials provided that are later worked into quilts for donation to an eligible community support organization.

Community Quilt Committee

Each year this Committee selects the organizations that will receive community quilts or comfort quilts. In 2011-12, the committee members are Wendy Dines, Val Taylor, Katie Pigeon and Kirsten Johnson.

YHQG members are encouraged to suggest organizations to receive a quilt for fund-raising or comfort quilts for their clientele and other charitable venues. Please make ideas known to Wendy Dines.

Eligible Recipient Organizations

To be eligible to receive donations of quilts, the organization must be not-for-profit and dedicated to supporting individuals and families in the general areas of health, wellness, recreation and environment or in the case of comfort quilts, an organization providing emergency or temporary shelter. These organizations may submit applications to the Community Quilt Committee. For more information contact: Wendy Dines, communityoutreach@yhqg.org