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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
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Comfort Quilters providing comfort to Hospital Patients

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) has received a unique gift from a group of quilters in the Carleton Place area known as the 'Comfort Quilters'. The group has decided to donate quilts to the hospital to help provide comfort to patients.

"We are a group of ladies who like to quilt and wanted to do something for someone else", stated Liz Campbell. "As the number of quilts we made grew, we thought it would be a good idea to give the quilts away. Giving the quilts to patients in the Carleton Place Hospital seemed like an obvious choice."

"Working together as a group is a great way to learn the basics of quilting as well as learn new techniques," stated Marilyn White. "We really enjoy what we're doing and at the end of each meeting



Members of the Comfort Quilters completing a quilt for a patient of CPDMH

we have a new quilt that can be presented to the hospital."

Each month a member of the group bring supplies to complete a quilt and the Comfort Quilters work together to complete the project. At the end of the evening, the work in progress is either brought home to be finished or brought to the next meeting to be completed. Each quilt is finalized with a

label saying the quilt was made by the Comfort Quilters of Carleton Place and states '*Quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort and warmth.*'

"This is a wonderful act of kindness from the Comfort Quilters", stated Laurie Scissons, Manager of the Nursing Unit at CPDMH. "The patients that are given the quilts are truly happy to receive this gift and I would like to express my deep appreciation to the group for doing this on our patients' behalf."

To date the Comfort Quilters have donated 6 quilts to the hospital which have been given to patients that need something to brighten their outlook, are experiencing a long term stay in the hospital, or are in palliative care. When the patient leaves the hospital, the quilt leaves with them.

“We currently have 12 members in the group with varying degrees of quilting knowledge”, continued Mrs. Campbell. “Some of our members have been quilting for years while others have just picked up the hobby.”

The Comfort Quilters meet the last Tuesday of every month at St. Gregory’s School. To learn more about the group or to become involved please contact Liz Campbell at 613-257-4737 or Marilyn White at 613-257-3274.

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