Phoenix Chapter Family Empowerment

Self Esteem Building

Comfort Quilts Program

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

Two times per month September – May

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year: $500

Value of in-kind donations (estimated total): Some volunteers use their own fabric

**Partnerships**

Seven agencies/hospitals whose clients or patients receive the quilts.

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 379 quilts made

Age range of clients served: newborns - teens

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working): 17

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? Volunteers sew at home or gather at one location

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: to provide comfort to newborns or displaced and sick children

What service/materials do you provide to your clients? Small, light handmade quilts

This service project has CCS volunteers making small "comfort" quilts for newborns to teenagers using CCS-owned and personal sewing machines. There is one chairperson who purchases mostly flannel, taking advantage of sales at JoAnn's Fabrics. Due to budget constraints no batting is used. The quilts are mostly flannel and sometimes cotton fabric. Two or three volunteers cut out fabric and complete quilt kits for the others to use.

Although quilts are collected from three worksites, most of the quilt construction takes place at the quilter's home.

The chairperson distributes the quilts to three diocesan-approved pregnancy support clinics plus a children's hospital, a women's shelter and a family advocacy agency. Seven sites receive comfort quilts from CCS of Phoenix.

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