

Hello Quilting Friends

Our shipment of 200 baby quilts for the North, that combined contributions from TEQ and KQMG were successfully delivered to Timmins early June, along with a large collection of beautiful knitted goods: blankets, sweaters, mittens, hats, etc. They are now being distributed by truck and sent out to more remote locations by chartered plane. The distribution was done according to directions given by the Weeneebayko Health Authority working with Mushkegowuk Council.

The communities receiving from this shipment are as follows: Moosonee, Moose Factory, Moose Cree, Kashechewan, Fort Albany, Peetabeck, Attawapiskat, Peawanuck, Missanabie and Chapleau.

Christine Roy of the Neepeeshowan Midwives in Attawapiskat, made a respectful request. She asked if quilters would please include a short note indicating the name of the maker, in any future endeavours: as in, even a slip of paper that reads this quilt was made with love by...; or, this quilt was finished with love by... She said it would mean a lot to the new Moms receiving if they knew the name of the maker who was sending good wishes their way.

Once the distribution was done from Peterborough, and we got a note from a community worker in Matheson area, through the Weeneebayko hospital. She had not been included in the first distribution list. She asked would we please send to them as well. I personally will do the 3 baby quilts to supply that small request. But, interestingly, she asked if we could please send 22 lap quilts to Elders from Wahgoshig First Nation. I said I would put the request out and hoped we could do that for the fall. I am happy to do at least one. Are there 21 others who might help fill this request? A lap quilt is typically anywhere around 54 x 60. There is no absolute right or wrong size. Some are larger, some are smaller. But, if you intend to make a lap quilt for somebody in a wheel chair, they are usually no more than 36 x 40 to provide warmth but also to prevent interference with wheels.

Let me know if I can count on your help to supply the 22 for a September dispatch. I have not committed us to that as of yet. As well, we often do send a shipment to Kenora for the north west just after Thanksgiving. I am happy to collect those anytime in the first two weeks of October to send before Hallowe'en.

Please accept my most grateful thanks and sincere appreciation to all who have contributed to this cause. These gifts from our community are well loved and sincerely appreciated.

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