



# Firehouse Quilts of Colorado, Inc

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## From a Mother's Heart!

I've been corresponding by email for a few weeks with Tori (Hope's mom) about one of our quilts she received on the way to the hospital recently.

As you can see, (right) Hope is fine now and pointing to a fish on her fun quilt. Her mom sent a nice thank you card, a pic of Hope with her quilt and a generous \$50 donation to Firehouse Quilts.



*Hi wonderful volunteers,  
I would like to send a thank you for the quilt  
we received when our 2-year-old daughter  
was taken in the ambulance.*

*It was such a scary time having all the  
emergency people there, but they gave Hope  
your quilt and it seemed so comforting.*

*When we got to the hospital, we spent the  
hours pointing out the animals, counting stars, naming colors, etc. etc. on the  
quilt. We couldn't find her teddy bear and  
she pulled it from under the quilt and  
proceeded to play peekaboo for  
another half hour under the quilt.*



Hope in the hospital with her FHQuilt  
& teddy bear.

*I quilt myself and I know how much time  
it takes and for you all just to give it to a  
fire dept. for a little one (and their parents)  
who needs a little comfort is so great.*

*Bless you all.*

*What a difference you and the other quilters are making  
for so many little ones, thank you again.*

*Corey, Tori, Hope, Hannah and Claire*



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## Action Care Ambulance Updates

A few more updates were received from Dena at Action Care.

**9 month old female** - Problems breathing.

*Her mom was amazed that someone made the quilt for its intended purpose. She was very thankful.*

**10 year old female** - Appendicitis; she was crying, had abdominal pain and was scared. When we gave her the quilt, she just looked at it & stopped crying.

**3 month old female** - Severely dehydrated; her mother was very moved by the quilt.

**12 year old male** - Diagnosed with a Brain Tumor; he enjoyed the cars on the quilt.

**4 year old male** - Seizure; when he awoke from the seizure, he was scared.

*He was given the quilt and he held it as a shield from all of the people.*

**2 year old male** - Difficulty breathing - Patient was given quilt; he pulled it up and snuggled up during the ambulance ride.

**6 year old male** - Muscular Dystrophy; was cold. When he was covered with the quilt, he seemed warmed and relaxed.

**3 year old male** - Seizure. Patient was cold and confused; his new quilt gave him warmth and comfort. Thank you.



## Why FHQ Has Annual Fund Raisers & Requests Donations

Some volunteers are uncomfortable that we ask for donations; they don't understand that donations from the community or even larger companies/foundations are what keep Firehouse Quilts afloat. Donations allow us to do what we do without requiring membership/other fees from our own volunteers; they enable us to pay for our storage unit, our webhosting, batting is a huge expense for us, instructional books, printing, tools for use at Sew Days (periodically, they all need to be replaced), your denim, embroidered logo shirts & name tags, fabric, quilt labels, postage, publicity, quilt show, etc. Because we are confident in our mission of helping children in crisis and have pride in Firehouse Quilts, we ask for help from others to continue our work.

<http://www.thefundraisingauthority.com/fundraising-basics/fundraising-isnt-evil/>  
<http://www.thefundraisingauthority.com/strategy-and-planning/fundraising-confidence/>



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## makeitsew

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Bob & Karen Juenemann, owners of Make It Sew will host their annual Sew-In benefiting Firehouse Quilts on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at their shop in Broomfield, Co.

Firehouse Quilts provides ready-made kits for the volunteers to work on, Make It Sew provides just about everything else they need to just come in, sit down and start sewing.



They also provide morning snacks and wonderful door prizes during the day. It's a lot of fun and tons of quilts/quilt tops are donated to FHQ from this Sew-In.

As you can see, the sewing spots fill up quickly so if you can help or want to participate up there Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, contact Ellen Palmer (our FHQ contact) directly:

[arthurbwidow@msn.com](mailto:arthurbwidow@msn.com)



### Continuing Quilting Education with Firehouse Quilts

Soon, FHQ will begin providing actual classes, hiring outside quilting instructors to help increase our knowledge for active FHQ volunteers.

This will also be funded by the donations/grants we receive.

*What quilting techniques are you interested in learning?*

I need a volunteer to take on this project, finding/scheduling local instructors and suggesting techniques/patterns that will help our volunteers increase their knowledge and confidence in quilting for Firehouse Quilts.

If you are interested in working on this project, please email me directly at [firehousequilts@q.com](mailto:firehousequilts@q.com) . Thanks!



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## POWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS AT THEIR BEST



These busy young ladies from Powell Middle School were chosen for National Junior Honors Society for their outstanding grade point average, citizenship and leadership qualities in 6th, 7th and 8th grade years.

Front row, L-R: Lauren Tew, Devan Walsh, Rachael Branscomb, Cameryn Hoerdemann, Corina Segura, Tram Nguyen. Back row: Anna Zeek, Katie Cooper & Kathryn Cheney.

Along with this honor, they are required to give of themselves through Community Service hours. They chose to make quilts of all colors to donate to Firehouse Quilts. The project extended two days after school in the sewing lab producing 16 quilts. Many fun topics of discussions filled the room as the quilts were being made, along with laughter, singing

to a Christmas CD and with cookies enjoyed by all. *"This is such fun.... Why can't we do this all year-long?"* See the enjoyment that giving brings, especially at this time of year?



Teacher, JoDee Durbin is a FHQ volunteer.

## Douglas County Women's Shelter Receives 13 More Quilts

The women's shelter has had a record number of women/children coming through their facility and sadly, during the holidays, the need is greater than ever.



I met Shell in November with 13 more quilts for the women to take to their new, safe refuge away from their abusers. You may notice that all pictures taken of their deliveries have been outdoors or in parking lots. It's vitally important that the location of their facility remain confidential for the safety of the abused as well as the workers that help them. Even I have never been to or seen the actual facility itself.



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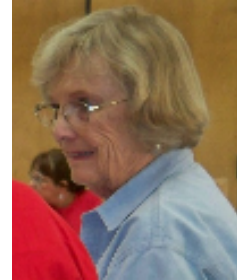
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## Denver Health - 'Newborns in Need' Program

One of our FHQ volunteers (Joanie H) went with her friend to volunteer at Denver Health where we donate our smaller quilts for their "Newborns in Need" program.

Joanie's going to take a camera next time she goes.

Here's her report.



*"A friend asked if I wanted to participate and I was delighted to be able to go and pack the newborn bags for the new mothers. Only wish I had taken my camera as several of 'our quilts' were packed in the bags.*

*The one I remember most was the one we saw last Thursday at Sew Day with the teddy bear appliquéd to the front of a plaid homespun quilt and another teddy bear on the back. It went into a little boy bag."*

*"It was an enlightening experience which included a tour of the hospital. What a state of the art place that is. We saw a delivery room which had facilities for the family to be right there, then went up to see the mom/baby rooms. All rooms are large and private and the babies stay in the same room as mom."*

*"If anyone is interested in doing this, they could use more help. The teams work about 2 1/2 hours at a time. They average 10 babies born each day and every mother goes home with a bag.*

*The bags contain diapers, wipes, lotion, shirts or sleepers, an outfit, hat, socks or booties, a book, a hand made toy, a stuffed bear, rattle, bib, sleeper, receiving blanket and a quilt or blanket.*

*All of these items are contributed or purchased with contributions."*

*"I just thought you might like to know what happens when our quilts get to Denver Health."*

Joanie H ([JMVHINER@aol.com](mailto:JMVHINER@aol.com))



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## Gammill Quilting Machines



Deb Geissler ([dgeissler@comcast.net](mailto:dgeissler@comcast.net))  
is our local Gammill Representative,  
dealing in sales and training.



Kelly Gallagher-Abbott ([www.jukeboxquilts.com](http://www.jukeboxquilts.com))  
is the new Gammill Dealer.  
Richard Elliott is doing machine *maintenance* and *service*.  
Contact him directly at [rcelliott@q.com](mailto:rcelliott@q.com)  
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## HRCA Sweetheart Dance

Friday, Feb. 11, 2011



Each year, the HRCA Therapeutic Program (for developmentally-disabled young adults) requests stuffed animals to give away as door prizes at their Sweetheart Dance around Valentines Day.

Please bring any new/near new stuffed animals that you'd like to donate for their dance and give them to Susan Howarth at the next few Sew Days.



Sandy Honan offered to make lap quilts with hearts on them, to give away as their special prizes that night.

*"Thanks Susan & Sandy!"*

## 2010 SEW DAY SCHEDULE

*(Sew Days are 'work' days for Firehouse Quilts volunteers.)*

Only 1 more Sew Day left in this year!

Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010 (12:30p)