

## GUIDELINES FOR MCQA CHARITY QUILTS

One of the most important facets of MCQA is the charity work done by our members. Dozens of quilts are donated by MCQA members each year to various charities in the Marquette area. Listed below are organizations that benefit from our work along with the sizes and types of quilts that are provided to each. Please take the time to read the instructions for the appropriate size and/or fabric for each type of quilt. If you have questions, please contact the MCQA member listed next to the charity, or Charity Coordinator Karen Sanford (906-249-9005).

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please follow the size guidelines for each charity. The size and type of fabric has been requested by the charity based on their needs.
- Please use only good quality quilting cotton fabric. These quilts will be laundered repeatedly and usually in commercial washing machines so fabric choice is important.
- Please machine quilt. Tied quilts do not hold up to repeated use.
- MCQA has lots of donated fabric and funds budgeted for charity quilt supplies; ask the Charity Coordinator for details.
- Some MCQA members volunteer quilting services on their long arm quilting machines, but please ASK FIRST before dropping off your quilt.

**NEONATAL QUILTS:** Contact: the “Material Girls” Friendship Group, Ann Pillote (906-323-6232). These quilts are provided to UP Health System (Marquette General Hospital). The neonatal quilts are used as isolet covers in the NICU. They are used to shade the babies from the bright lights. When the babies go home, they take their quilts with them.

Finished size should be approx. 36” x 42”. Any quilt design is acceptable; however, we usually make these quilts with alternating 5” squares of pastel fabrics set 7 squares across and 9 squares down. A yard of fabric will make the back of the quilt. Machine-sew the binding as the quilts will be washed often. Use a lightweight batting.

**BAY CLIFF HEALTH CAMP:** Contact: Alice Johnson (906-249-3262) or Joan Kaukola (906-273-0456). Bay Cliff is a summer therapy camp for children with physical disabilities located in Big Bay. We provide small quilts to the youngest campers, preschoolers ages 3 to 5, known as “Nookers” because they are in the “Shady Nook” unit at camp. The children take their Nooker Quilts home with them when camp is over. “Nooker” Quilts Finished size: 40” x 50”. Use 80 different fabrics (approximately 40 character prints and 40 regular prints). These quilts are for younger campers, so please use age appropriate prints. Cut squares 5 ½” x 5 ½” and sew 8 squares across 10 squares down using a ¼” seam. Batting: approximately 42” x 52” with weight 4 oz – 6.9 oz. Backing: one piece of fabric 52” long x WOF. Lay out squares in a pleasing pattern, mixing character prints throughout the top. Press seams in rows in alternating directions. Sew rows together and press seams in the same direction.

**HARBOR HOUSE/WOMEN’S CENTER:** Contact: Barb Bennett (906-399-6510) or Karen Sanford (906-249-9005). Twin-sized (suggested size: 63” X 87”) quilts are needed for beds in the shelter, which serves primarily women and their children touched by domestic violence. The shelter also needs assistance with various sewing projects (e.g., curtains, mending).

**CARE CLINIC (f/k/a Pregnancy Services):** This organization is seeking a quilt it can use for a raffle or silent auction fundraiser. Contact the organization directly to make individual arrangements.