## NORTH STAR QUILTERS GUILD OUTREACH GUIDELINES

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Service is embedded in our Guild mission. The outreach guilts touch many hearts.

As a subunit of the Service Committee, Outreach is an established Guild program that organizes and processes fiber donations from fabric to finished quilts. Unless otherwise earmarked at the time of donation, the finished quilts from this process are presented to the programs voted on by guild members as published in the September 2016 Outreach Guidelines and updated after reorganization/name change of the recipient organization, the North East Human Service Center. By establishing designated recipients, a supply budget can be determined and approved by the Guild membership, and the Outreach Committee can provide guidelines for quilt size, style (e.g., juvenile themes), and distribution plan that streamlines the process—all of which ensure that our quilt donations will serve the community.

## Designated recipients are:

- Grand Forks County Human Service Zone (GFCHSZ). Also known as social services, the GFCHSZ distributes to foster care children and other situations they believe justify the need of a quilt throughout Grand Forks County. (Agencies in other counties were contacted, but have their own sources of quilts.)
- <u>Community Violence Intervention Center</u> (CVIC), which serves women and children in crisis around our region.

Donations of collected quilts occur at the June guild meeting and the December holiday party, with the hopes of meeting our goal of 200+ quilts per year. Our outreach program generally holds two workshops per year focused on processing quilts for the Outreach causes.

Suggestions for other service activities can be brought to the Service Chair or Member Representative, or written on a card at the table (please sign your name so they can respond to your suggestion).

The occasional request for an individual donation (e.g., auctions, fundraisers, or individual benefits), may be presented to the general membership as a meeting "Announcement". Any member interested in donating a quilt to the presented cause may contact the entity making the request.

Our community involvement remains strong. We are very fortunate to have such a generous guild where members give willingly of their time and talents!

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Service Chair, Outreach Chair, Member Representative, or other board member.