

- \* Men's socks, fingerless mittens and warm jumpers are much needed.
- \* AFL colours always a winner with anything!
- \* Quirky, fun toys and character toys and bags are very much loved by the children
- \* Larger rugs and blankets go to accompany requests for warm bedding for adults
- \* Knee or doll sized rugs go with the Teddy bear Packs
- \* Medium sized rugs go well with pillow beds. Baby rugs go with baby packs.

#### The most requested yarns are:

8 Ply acrylic washable, many colours and Baby acrylic/washable

#### QUILTERS

The quilts disappear rapidly and we often have none left.

Licensed fabrics, Aboriginal designs, and quilts in every size and design for children, teens and adults. A stock of larger quilts is also good.

Feel free to come and visit the *Everything is Free Shop* and to request materials needed for your projects.

#### SEW-ERS

\* **Handmade** winter clothes and pyjamas for children and teens, again, please indicate sizes.

\* **Bags** for pillow beds, Teddy Bear packs, shopping bags, library/book bags and for packing quilts are where we have some gaps

\* **Curtains/curtain renovators.** One of the supporters who makes many curtains is on an extended holiday and the requests for curtains are many. If this is something for which you could help, that would be wonderful.

\* **Fabric The best fabrics** for purposes of QW are cotton quilting fabrics, homespun, fleece and windcheater fabrics, flannelette, corduroy, denim, and rolls or bolts of fabric that can be used for making curtains and large bags. Unfortunately there is **no call** for synthetic, satin, nylons, tulle or other slippery, decorative fabrics.

#### WHAT IS NEEDED NOW:

##### TOILETRIES FOR BABY PACKS:

Liquid bath soap, Baby wipes, Baby lotion, Nappy cream

**Handmade quilts (The supply is quite depleted)**, especially for children and teens

**Sheet sets**, Double, Queen

**TOYS AND ACTIVITIES**, Colouring/sticker/activity books, Crayons and textas, Good quality storybooks, Books for upper primary children,

**PLASTIC TUBS** (small & medium) in which to create age/gender appropriate toy packs

**FUNDS**, for all those items that assist people to create and donate and to purchase items to complete requests or items when emergencies arise.

#### HELP NEEDED

##### DELIVERIES:

People willing to periodically deliver QW items to some local venues.

**Curtains**, Additional people to make and or renovate curtains (rod and pocket).

NEVER DOUBT that a  
small group of THOUGHTFUL  
COMMITTED CITIZENS can  
change the world;  
INDEED IT'S THE ONLY  
thing that ever has.  
- MARGARET MEAD

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Embroider, Sew,  
Toymaking

To assist others in our  
communities.



## The Quickest Warmth Project July News 2018

Greetings everyone,

Cold weather is here for awhile and so requests to Quickest Warmth for help is considerably huge! The amount of donations you have made in just the past month is overwhelmingly amazing, which has meant that QW has been able to provide just about everything that has been needed by case workers and staff in a myriad of programs to assist the people for whom they care.

During the month in my own reading and pondering, I came across this little litany. It seems to portray the essence of The Quickest Warmth Project.

*May our hearts be filled with the kind of love that we can give to others*

*May this love go to those we love*

*May this love go to those who feel rejected and on the margins*

*May our eyes see into the hearts of others*

*May our eyes see the goodness, potential and feelings of others*

*May our thoughts, words and actions be from hearts of generosity*

*May all we give be given with compassion and without judgement*

*May remember that we too need love, respect and compassion*

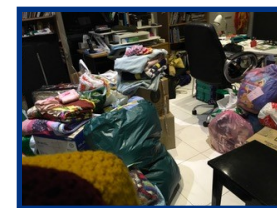
*May we remember that we too may need the care of others*

*May we be always people of hope and of peace.*

#### A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE AMAZING DONATIONS GIVEN IN THIS PAST MONTH

MU (Mothers' Union) Adelaide,  
MU Willochra, MU Murray, MU  
Strathalbyn, MU Gawler, MU  
Riverton, MU Balaklava, MU/  
Parish of St Francis Clarence  
Gardens, MU Warradale, MU  
Salisbury, MU Elizabeth Downs,  
MU Minlaton, MU Southern  
Vales, Congregations at: Crystal  
Brook, Riverton, Gawler, Two Wells, Mallala, Modbury,  
Gawler Baptist, Gawler Lutheran, Op Shops: at UCA Two  
Wells, Para Hills, Riverton, Organisations/Groups:

Anglicare, Round Table Quilters, The Crafty Sew and So's,



The Sewing Nutters, The Gawler Quilting Circle, The Lush Us Ladies Supper Group, The Two Wells Craft shop, St Matt's Over 50's Club, The Round Table Men's Shed, Time Out, Hillier Park Craft Group (and residents and friends), The Vines Lifestyle residents and friends, The Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens, Gawler Baptist Craft Group, Kapunda Care and Share, Strathalbyn Weight Watchers, Burton CWA groups, Day and Evening Folk Art Groups (Gawler), Entente Girl Guides, Community Bereavement Group, Westworks, Lyndoch Road Barber Shop, Barbara, Jacky, Margie, John, Ally, Margot, Patricia, Lesley, Maureen, Gail, Marlene, Gail, Barbara, Angela, Sarah, Janet, Margaret, Sue, Cath, Lois, Rosemary, Shirley, Janina, Lesley, Deb, Beth, Marlene, Dawn, Anne, Sandra, Norma, Nea, Jan, Maria, Estelle, Sandy, Laura, Kay, Betty, Mariska, Jim, Lyn, Syd, Mavis, Eleanor, Ann, Barbara, Christine, Ruby, Amber, Raelene, Cheryl, Kay, Cathy, Helen, Bev, Maureen, Barbara, Deb, Mary, Dan, Kath, Liz, Bart, Lyn, Rae, Sally, Margaret, valmai, Alan, Enid, Rebecca, Josie, Lynley, Vicki, Pam, Gail, Jan, Tess, Lee-Anne, Claudia, Mavis, Joy, Jamie, Anita, Amy, Nancy, Pat, Leonie, Kay, Steph and the many individuals who are members of the above groups and organisations, the people whose names are not know or have unfortunately fallen off a box or bag...**all of you have given so much! THANK YOU!**



#### APPRECIATION:

Many emails or comments of appreciation come from staff of the various programs:

*"It means so much to us to be able to give our clients something really nice."*

*"When I handed this person a beanie and some socks he was nearly in tears being so grateful"*

People provided with quilts, warm and other bedding, clothing, baby, pamper, toiletry, quilt and Teddy bear packs respond positively as they appreciate the generosity and the love packed in each.

#### The Open House Day

About 30 people made the trip to join the eating, conversation, idea sharing, donation giving and *Free Shop Shopping* last month. The array of beautiful and generous Pick-a-Gift items and the cookie mix in a jar raised funds of about \$150 which went pretty much to purchase more pillows for the pillowbeds!! It was a pleasant day of good conversations and plenty of food and tea and coffee. Thank you for coming!



with love 4 kids

#### WHAT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED...

**150** quilts, crocheted or knit rugs, sheets, bedspreads or doonas, bed blankets **250** beanies of all sizes (some with fingerless mittens or (men's) socks)

**46** Pillowbeds

**48** Pamper packs

**25** Toiletry packs

**25** sets of curtains

**25** Teddy Bear packs

**Dozens** of toys, puzzles, soft toys, Teddy bears, dolls, dolls in cradles dolls with bedding, books, colouring and activity books, craft kits, coloured pencils, crayons, textas school items

articles of children's clothing, pyjamas and dressing gowns

**Probably 100** carry, shopping, toiletry, teddy bear, and book bags -all hand made

**Several bags** of knitting yarn

**15** baby packs

**3 boxes** of brand new kitchen utensil items

*Thanks to all the QW supporters,* this has been provided.

#### FINANCIAL DONATIONS AND GIFT CARDS HAVE PROVIDED:

**6** full rolls of quilt wadding

**20** packs or lengths of specialised, licensed fabric

**2** large packs of waistband elastic

**150** new pillows

**Several** new waterproof jackets for children

**Many** pamper pack containers and items to fill and decorate pamper packs

**Many** spools of thread for the sewing supporters

**Many** toiletry items for baby packs

*Amazing, isn't it!!!*

As can be seen by the list of all that comes and goes, it is enormous. Sorting, packing and labelling, then distributing is a huge task. It is so helpful if some of the packing, sorting etc can be done prior to delivering to Prue, Gail and others who are now drop points for the wonderful donations. This makes much greater ease when sorting and packing requests. **THANK YOU!**

#### WHEN DONATING...

**PRELOVED ARTICLES: what can be easily distributed?**

**Sheet sets and bedspreads...** must be newly washed, paired and sized. Must be as new...no frays, stains, tears, smells, pilling, worn places

**Doona Covers ...**as above. **Best kinds:** colourful children's

**Dolls:** Need to be unbroken. Doll refurbishers will renew the dolls.

**Soft Toys:** As new, Freshly washed and dried, no tears, worn places, damaged clothing etc. pet hair, broken parts preferably without batteries.

**Toys & Children's/Teen books:** As new, no missing, broken, worn parts. Clean.

**Children's Clothing...** Winter jackets, windcheaters. Clean, sized, as new.

#### KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

\* Please place sizes on all garments or package in bags each of same size.

