

Coffee Creek Quilters

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Coffee Creek Quilters Donates Quilts to Camp Erin

Wilsonville, OR, June 27, 2011 – Seventeen kids attending a special summer camp for grieving children will receive comfort quilts from Coffee Creek Quilters this year. CCQ members challenged themselves to make the quilts for Camp Erin, where young people learn to cope with the loss of a loved one.

The Camp Erin Quilt Challenge was unusual for CCQ, a program that teaches quilting classes to incarcerated women at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville, Oregon. “We teach the students in our classes to make comfort quilts to donate to a variety of organizations,” said CCQ President Mary Ann McCammon. “This project gave our instructors the opportunity to practice what we teach.”

Coffee Creek Quilters is a dedicated group of volunteers who teach classes at the Oregon women's prison. CCQ teaches skills that prepare women for living in the community after release from prison: perseverance when a project seems to take a long time, problem solving when a student makes a mistake, generosity when there's a shortage of equipment or supplies, and working with others when there's an opportunity for joint projects. Each student in the program makes three quilts in weekly two-hour classes. The first two quilts are donated to a variety of organizations that serve seniors in nursing homes, hospitalized children, terminally ill adults, and foster children. Each year approximately 150 quilts are donated to these organizations. Students may keep the third quilt or give it to a loved one.

More information about the CCQ program is available on the organization's web site:
www.coffeecreekquilters.org

Camp Erin is a national program funded by the Moyer Foundation. Camps are held in 18 cities throughout the country and open to children between the ages of 6 and 17. The camp is free for kids; funding comes from the Moyer Foundation and local groups. Oregon's Camp Erin is administered by the Providence Foundation and will take place this year at Camp Kuratli in Boring, OR, Aug. 26-28.

More information about Camp Erin can be found on the Providence Health & Services web site:
<http://oregon.providence.org/patients/programs/camp-erin/Pages/overview.aspx>

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