

Angel Wings Clothing Closet Easter Basket Project

Jody Dishman reached out on Facebook looking for quilters for a very special project. Lora Brinkman is hoping to get some help in fulfilling this request.

Note from Lora: You are going to think I'm crazy, but I know as a team WE CAN DO THIS!!

Goal: 100 quilts for 100 baskets for Easter 2022

Quilt Sizes: 45x50 and 30x38 (Approximate sizes; this gives you an idea. They don't have to be exact)

Types: Boy and girl quilts are needed; any color, style and/or fabric. They aren't picky. They've had quilts with cat fabric, dogs, moons, birds, Disney, etc.)

Date Needed by Lora: April 7th (this is FINISHED quilts for delivery to AWCC; if you need help with quilting, please have them to Lora the sooner the better)

First, Lora has NOT promised 100 quilts. Lora has told Jody she would personally help to provide 20 quilts and reach out to the BTQG members in hopes that others will also help with whatever they can do... 1 top, 2 tops, 20 tops. YOUR CHOICE!

If getting the tops quilted is your hesitation, Lora is offering to collect the tops and quilt them. **Trina Pratt** has also offered to assist in quilting. Please provide the top and backing. Lora will be scouring deals for batting and has offered to provide batting, if needed. If you have batting scraps to send along with your quilt tops, that is excellent. If not, please do not let that keep you from helping. **Janet Hollandsworth** (573-999-5706 or quilterchic@centurytel.net) will also quilt tops (you provide the backing and she will provide the batting). If you are willing to help, please contact Lora Brinkman (lora3677@gmail.com; 573- 821-0262; Facebook messenger, carrier pigeon, guild meeting, whatever works for you). She's trying to figure out an approximate number, so please think about how many you can help with and let her know that number. If you have an idea of how you can help, don't hesitate to reach out. All help is appreciated and welcome.

Here's information about AWCC and the Easter Basket Project: Angel Wings Clothing Closet (AWCC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit. They work with foster children in the state of Missouri, providing clothing and essential needs. There are approximately 13,000 children in Missouri foster care. Every year for the past 4 years AWCC has held an Easter Event. Why Easter? As a foster parent and foster child, it's extremely difficult to attend community events and not run into biological family members. Typically biological family intentionally attend these events in hopes to run into the children. This can be difficult and sometimes dangerous to the children. Foster parents aren't able to relax and the children become very emotional and confused, ruining what should be a fun day. At Angel Wings Easter Event ONLY those on a list are allowed to attend. They have the sheriff's department, public safety and fire personnel attending. This is to keep kids safe, keep drama down, and help rebuild relationships between police and foster kids.

Every child receives a laundry-basket-sized Easter basket FULL of toys and candy. Each basket also has a special quilt for each child. The laundry basket is lined with the quilt followed by toys, stuffed animals and candy. The quilts are super important to the children. AWCC has received pho-

tos from parents after Easter showing the children sleeping with them, taking them to surgery with them, and making forts with them. Every child deserves a special quilt. Usually the Audrain quilt guild completes 100 quilts for this group each year. However, this year they called to let AWCC know that several of their members were hit by Covid and other medical issues. They just didn't feel that they could complete the 100 quilts needed this year. That is why AWCC decided to reach out to others. AWCC needs quilts that are like small lap-size quilts. Sizes for older kids are typically 45"x50" and for the smaller kids 30"x38". They can also use some quilts for dolls. Doll quilts are added to baskets for the kids receiving dolls. It would be great fun if a doll's quilt could match the child's quilt. Children coming to the event are from the ages of newborn to 18 years old (typically older children have an intellectual disability). Both boy and girl quilts are needed; any color, style and/or fabric. They aren't picky. They've had quilts with cat fabric, dogs, moons, birds, Disney.... ALL kinds. The kids LOVE the quilts!

Quilts need to be finished and to AWCC the week prior to Easter. The event will be Saturday April 16th, so finished quilts need to be to AWCC by April 9th. Lora Brinkman will coordinate getting the quilts to AWCC. All you need to do is bring them to a Starlight guild meeting, arrange a time to drop off at Lora's home, or arrange a time for Lora to pick them up from you. If you are willing to help, please contact Lora Brinkman (lora3677@gmail.com; 573- 821-0262; Facebook messenger, carrier pigeon, guild meeting, whatever works for you). She's trying to figure out an approximate number, so please think about how many you can help with and let her know that number. If you have an idea of how you can help, don't hesitate to reach out. All help is appreciated and welcome.

Easter baskets for foster kids, from a previous year's Easter Event.

