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Quilters make gifts for kids at CHOC

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Sixty-four children at Orange County Children's Hospital received special Christmas quilts at a party on Dec. 23, thanks to the efforts of two groups of talented women who joined together to produce the "blankies" specially made for CHOC kids.

Several quilters representing Luv Blankies for Special People (from Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton) and women who are involved with Moore's Sewing in Orange combined their quilting skills with children's Christmas fabrics from Kaufman Fabrics and worked for months on the project.

In addition to the quilters, two senior citizens made special efforts to contribute. Bunny Bruns of Placentia didn't let her oxygen lines keep her from making enough Christmas-colored beanie hats for all the children. She will be 90 in January. Joanie Stringer of Orange goes to dialysis three days a week but still found time and energy to make enough pillows (with cases) for all the CHOC kids.

Joann Kahn, a Mary Kay director from La Mirada, provided special teddy bears with a "Merry Christmas" message on their tummies.

Moore's Sewing declared a "charity day" each month, and quilters from its Sew-Fun Club and other customers met regularly to put together hundreds of yards of fabric.

Mary Yoder, instructor for sewing, quilting and embroidery, coordinated all



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Despite dialysis treatment, Joanie Stringer made pillows and cases.



Quilters from Orange and Fullerton made "blankies" for CHOC kids and delivered them Dec. 23.

the helpers at Moore's.

All the quilt tops were completed by me on a machine with a robotic quilting device that uses digital patterns - ranging from animals, Santa, the Grinch, snowmen, old-fashioned toys and even flip-flops.

I started Luv Blankies 13 years ago after a therapist requested a "blankie" for a very traumatized child.

About 3,000 Blankie Bags have been delivered to foster children by therapists and social workers. The project moved to Sunny Hills church several years ago, and because of problems with delivery, the Blankie ladies have extended their gifts to other groups, including girls and women who give up their babies for adoption, "fostered" senior citizens in rest homes, and people who have major medical problems.

The Blankie ladies hope to continue donating to CHOC.

Anyone who is interested in these projects can reach me at blankieladydot@att.net.

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