

Our Story

In August, 2000, while placing an order for a client at the Philadelphia Design Center, I noticed numerous industrial-size trash bags filled with discontinued designer fabric that were to be thrown away. What a waste! I asked them to keep the fabric—I would figure out a way to use it...something patchwork? Maybe a quilt? I had remembered a time when my daughter, Mollie, was hospitalized and not allowed to have her "bear-bear" to hold on to. She would have been able to have a quilt that could have been washed often. It would have made the experience less frightening. These thoughts merged to create Quilts for Kids, Inc.



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Quilts
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*Volunteer quilters
transforming fabrics into patch-
work quilts that comfort
children in need.*

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Who receives the quilts?

Children in need—especially those with cancer, AIDS, life-threatening illnesses, and children of abuse—receive quilts from us. Because of allergens, children often cannot bring their stuffed animals to the hospital. However, most hospitals and treatment centers welcome our washable, all-cotton quilts. A grateful father wrote:

“They wrapped it around my daughter and told her that it was a magic quilt that has made her a princess ...she stopped crying, started smiling and began to laugh with the nurses. The whole atmosphere changed as they wheeled her away to the operating room. I believe the “magic” the nurse referred to is the Love that is put into the quilts by their maker. Quilts for Kids was able to comfort my child when I could not physically be there with her.”

Our Vision

Our goal is simple: to provide comfort to children in need through the gift of a handmade patchwork quilt. With the help of volunteer quilters we are distributing our quilts to children’s hospitals and shelters across the U.S. Quilts for Kids has now spread to over 50 chapters throughout North America and the Caribbean, kept millions of fabric out of landfills and produced tens of thousands of quilts. If we can lessen the suffering of children by showing them that they are loved, then we have reached our goal.

Who makes the quilts?

Quilts for Kids has a volunteer network that encompasses corporate programs, quilting groups, and individuals from all walks of life. Many of our volunteers hold monthly “quilt-ins” and periodic workshops where new quilters can learn from more experienced hands. Our program is open to anyone wanting to help. You do not have to be an expert. We also invite preteens and teens to get involved through their schools or community service programs so that they can experience giving something of themselves to children who need them.

Our Angels

We could not do what we do without the support of our friends in the fabric and design industry who have sent us truckloads of fabric. We also thank the fabric companies that support us by lowering their prices so that we can have greater buying power. We especially want to thank the Broadway community for their help in promoting our cause, and most recently, we are grateful to Proctor and Gamble for the Downy Touch of Comfort program that links Downy, Quilts for Kids and children’s hospitals throughout the country.

How can you help?

You can help by making a donation, starting a corporate volunteer program, organizing a school or community project, or making quilts. The latest news, photos and information about us can be found at our website, or you may contact us at 215-295-5484.

How does my donation make a difference?

Although Quilts for Kids began as a way to keep unwanted fabric samples from landfills, in 2007 most textile mills moved their operations off-shore, so seconds and overages are no longer available to us. With 6-million-plus children hospitalized, we are purchasing more fabric than ever. Your contributions enable us to buy in volume at wholesale or below wholesale. Please visit www.quiltsforkids.org to donate, and remember to add us to your United Way program #47897.



Mission statement:

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Quilts for Kids, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

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