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Quilts for Those in Need

Name: June Nielsen

Hometown: Corvallis, OR

Recipient's Related Charity: [Quilts from Caring Hands](#)

How June Nielsen inspires others:



It is not often that a charitable outreach program blankets an entire community, but in June Nielsen's group, they have achieved just that. In an effort to make a difference and give a heartfelt gift, June formed Quilts from Caring Hands.

Affected deeply by an article on infants born with AIDS, and it being impossible to physically reach out and hold each child in crisis, June Nielsen did the next best thing. She and three friends began making quilts

and donating them to centers, shelters and institutions for children in need. Recipients included The Children's Farm home, a center for emotionally disturbed children, and Child Welfare – State of Oregon; the 1st year, one hundred quilts were distributed.

The children the quilts help are as varied as the fabrics themselves. Multi-textured quilts are created for visually impaired children and for children with special needs. Because the quilts are handcrafted, each child is given a uniquely compassionate gift.

A small group of four women trying to help has grown to 45 women making a difference. In the 13 years since she began Quilts from Caring Hands, June

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Nielsen has seen her idea grow to include public-speaking engagements, chairing a community outreach program, demonstrations at the state fair, a web site and fund-raising responsibilities. June is always welcoming new people into the group, and she is quick to reassure new members that they don't need to be expert quilters. A desire to help is really all it takes. Since its inception, Quilts from Caring Hands has donated over 3,200 quilts to more than a dozen social service agencies serving children in crisis in its community.

To find out more about how you can help June Nielsen and The Quilts from Caring Hands Program, go to the [Get Involved/Donate section](#).

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