



Hello, GAAQG Members!

My last President's message mentioned the need for SafeHouse quilt donations, so here's an update, as promised. Thanks to those members who've sent me ideas for collecting SafeHouse quilts.

As you can imagine with this health crisis, SafeHouse Center is even busier and operating with minimal, essential staff. Isolating at home is not safe for women and children in domestic violence situations.

SafeHouse can really use more quilts in the coming months, but *please do not deliver your quilts directly to SafeHouse Center!* There's a strict limit on visitors due to the COVID-19 virus and the staff must focus their attention on serving the residents.

Instead, to make arrangements for delivering your quilts, please email GAAQG member Anne Rapundalo: safehouse@gaaqq.com. You can deliver your quilts to Anne and put them in a bin on Anne's front porch. Please machine wash your quilts first, thoroughly dry them and bring them in a plastic bag.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Before delivering your quilts, make sure that no one in your house is ill or exhibiting any symptoms of illness or has been exposed to a person with COVID-19. If you or anyone in your family is sick or been exposed to the virus, please wait until you are well before contacting Anne to deliver your quilts.

Anne will collect our quilts, tally the number of donated quilts for our guild's records, and arrange to get them to SafeHouse Center.

Since we're missing the fun of seeing your SafeHouse quilts during our Quilt Guild meetings, please consider taking a photo of your quilt before you donate it and sending it to our webmaster, Mary Beth Donovan webmaster@gaaqq.com and to our Facebook Editor Linda Theil: facebook@gaaqq.com. You can also post it on Facebook and Instagram. Don't forget to add #SafeHouseCenter.

Thank you for bringing comfort to domestic violence survivors!

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