



COMFY QUILTS...Nancy Bassman, left, and Cena Pollitt from the Needle Nite group at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church present donated quilts made by the group to Furniture Assist, Inc. in appreciation for the fabric, yarn and other accessories which Furniture Assist donates to sewing, quilting and knitting circles of houses of worship in exchange for their support.

Needle Nite Group Donates Quilts to Furniture Assist

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FANWOOD — Furniture Assist, Inc. (www.furnitureassist.com) was honored to be the recipient of four beautiful quilts donated for the silent auction at our April 26 FUNdraiser, which was held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Jay's Cycle Center in Westfield. At Furniture Assist, we receive generous donations of fabric, yarn and other accessories. Some of these wonderful goodies are arranged in baskets and delivered to the sewing, knitting and quilting circles of the churches who support us. Needle Nite wished to reciprocate by generously donating some of their quilts. We thank Cena Pollitt and Nancy Bassman for delivering them to us.

Needle Nite is an amazing way to spend a Friday evening with others who love to or would like to learn to use yarn and fabric to create hand-made items with care for local charities. Projects include: Quilts, baby blankets, hats, sweaters and booties for newborn and premature babies, stuffed toys, prayer shawls, hats, scarves and ditty bags for seamen, and wheelchair and walker bags.

Needle Nite was started in 2002 by the Fanwood Presbyterian Woman's Association as social time to sew and knit. In 2006, we invited the community to join us in making tote bags as a mission project and sold them, raising \$3,000 for a well for women in Kenya. Starting in 2007 we expanded the program to monthly meetings with informal skilled instruction and guidance

on quilting, knitting and crocheting.

About 25 participants come to each Needle Nite. We provide almost individualized guidance as well as e-mail instructions and support between meeting dates. We do not judge the skills of participants but assist all to project completion. We support one another in our passion to work and re-purpose fabric and yarn for good causes.

Meetings are the first Friday night of each month, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. (except July), in Westminster Hall at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

For further information about these projects or directions to the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, please call the church office at (908) 889-8891 or contact admin@fanwoodpc.org.