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This is one of the more than 80 full-sized quilts given to Transition House at the guild's July 10 meeting.

Transition House receives donated quilts

SANTA BARBARA The Coastal Quilters Guild presented more than 80 full-sized quilts to Transition House at the Guild's meeting last week.

The nonprofit Transition House provides food, shelter and support services to Santa Barbara families who have lost their homes.

"I make community quilts because I can't think of a better gift for a person I don't know," quilter Heather Georgakis said in a statement. "I have a chance to think about how very fortunate I am to be able to make a quilt, and about the comfort my quilt will bring to someone else."

Quilter JoAnn Dovgin agrees. "When I make a community quilt, I give a portion of myself to someone who does not know me," she said. "The person who receives my quilt knows that someone out there cares enough to create a handmade gift for them."

The Coastal Quilters Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Goleta. For more information, visit www.coastalquilters.org.

—Jeremy Foster