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Katherine Rose, Public Relations Chairman
The Coastal Quilters Guild of Santa Barbara and Goleta
P. O Box 6341
Santa Barbara, CA 93160

Dear Quilters:

On behalf of Assistance League, I thank you for your kind and generous donation of 46 beautiful quilts. They will be so appreciated by the emancipated foster children that are a part of our Fostering Friends Program. Your hard work and donations will go a long way in helping us make this program successful.

As you may know, Assistance League of Santa Barbara is an all volunteer, not for profit organization which offers programs to serve children, families and the elderly in our community. We are grateful for your donations.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Patty Fligsten'.

Patty Fligsten
Corresponding Secretary

June 16, 2011

Ms. Katherine Rose
Public Relations Chairman
Coastal Quilters' Guild of
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Dear Ms. Rose and Ladies of the
Coastal Quilters' Guild:


Although you will receive an official letter of thanks from the Assistance League, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for the amazingly beautiful quilts you donated to our Fostering Friends Program. As it happens, the League's monthly meeting was held last Monday morning and so we had our own mini "parade of quilts" for our membership, who were rightfully astonished by the beauty and complexity of your work.

Later that afternoon we held our graduation party for 25 foster youth who were or soon will be aging out of Foster Care, accompanied by their case managers. These are great young people and we had a chance to talk with them and learn about their future plans and hopes before presenting them with their filled duffle bags.

Your suggestion to let them choose their own quilts was an inspired one! We draped them over chairs and tables so they could more easily make their selections. Not only did they have a *great* time trying to decide which one each liked the best (with many changes of ideas), but it was a wonderful ice-breaker before the dinner, with kids asking friends to help them decide, comparing decisions, and so forth. One young woman, who is a gifted musician, chose the one with the yellow and brown musical instrument motif. Another, who arrived dressed in lavender, immediately zeroed in on one of the quilts in tones of purple, lilac, and blues. And the boys were just as enthusiastic as the girls were. All felt very special that you ladies would take the time to make something so beautiful just for them.

So it gives me great pleasure to enclose the thank-you notes written by these young people. Please know that your efforts have made a difference in their lives.

Sincerely,


Sona MacMillan
Co-Chairman, Duffle Bag Project

*Thought you'd
enjoy these pictures
too —*