

**"That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."**

**2 Timothy 3: 17**



# **DOING GOOD TO ALL**



**"GIVING WARMS THE HEART!"**

## **BACKGROUND:**

Meet 95 year old, Pearl Smyer, a disciple that personally machine sewed 595 patch work quilts for abused children; an example of how God uses his creation, no matter the age, to still contribute to society.

Although her journey began with hand quilting, when approaching her winter season, she took that special talent and allowed her sewing machine to hum endlessly as she produced quilt after quilt for children in need.

Then, in an effort to share the blessing with others, some of the quilts were donated to a health care facility so the residents could help her deliver them personally to a local charitable organization that would pass them along to children in need of being wrapped in their warmth.

**Since residents living in health care facilities desperately desire to give to others as they did when living in the outside community, Pearl's kind gesture was a blessing to more than just the children.**

Recognizing this longing to serve others, resident ambassadors representing everyone were transported by the health care facility to the charitable organization where an emotional presentation was made to those in charge.

However, prior to this trip, not only was each quilt shown to the residents, but also the invitation of choosing a favorite to snuggle in for a bit. Thus, each resident was given the opportunity of personally caressing the quilt before it touched the young recipient. Folks, this provides great depth to the statement, "We are blessed to be a blessing to others"; a gesture residents of health care facilities long to do on a daily basis.

Additionally, since this generation had learned the art of making quilts as a necessary skill for keeping family members warm during the cold winter season, as Pearl's creations were presented, it was fascinating to observe the alertness of the audience. The residents were absolutely riveted on every aspect of the activity from beginning to end.

Then, as a culmination to the program, each resident was invited to wrap up in her favorite quilt as a way of passing love to the child that would soon be infolded in its warmth.

Supplies Needed:

Locate a group or individual that makes quilts or other items for children that are willing to share them with residents. Contact the center on aging or local churches with the purpose of identifying a source. (Even local quilt shops would be a wonderful avenue.)

## **CARESSING THE QUILTS WITH LOVE**



*NOTE THE SWEET  
EXPRESSIONS!*

**CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE?**



**AS THE SWEET OLD FOLKS SAT THERE IN  
WHAT APPEARED TO BE A STATE OF TOTAL  
BLISS, THE QUESTION WAS ASKED:**

**“WHAT ARE YOU THINKING RIGHT NOW?”**



**ELSIE REPLIED, "I AM PICTURING THE BEAUTIFUL SLEEPING FACE OF THE BABY BENEATH."**



*“CAN YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF THE  
LITTLE GIRL GIGGLING AS SHE HIDES  
UNDER THIS SOFT QUILT?”*





***“ARE YOU IMAGINING IN YOUR MIND THE LITTLE BOY GIVING THIS QUILT A RUN FOR ITS MONEY?”***





NOTE IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH NOT ONLY THE JOY ON THE FACE OF THE RESIDENT TRANSFERRING HER LOVE TO THE RECIPIENT, BUT ALSO THE ENGAGED FACES OF THOSE WATCHING AND SUPERVISING.



*“THIS HAS BEEN SO MUCH FUN. LET’S DO IT AGAIN NEXT MONTH!” (Pearl will have to shove it in gear to fill this request, won’t she?)*



**“LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THY SELF!”**