

Quilts for Calvert Hospice

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Students in a Family Consumer Science class created quilts to be sold as part of a fundraising activity for a local hospice.

Best Practice 1: The quilts were sold by Calvert Hospice to purchase necessary items such as medication for terminally ill patients.

Best Practice 2: The service-learning project was infused into the 7th grade Family Consumer Science sewing semester class project. Each student sewed one quilt square. Together they stitched the squares and batting together to complete the quilts.

Best Practice 3: When the lap quilts were completed, Kay Hilton, from Calvert Hospice, was invited back to the school and presented with lap quilts made by our students.

Best Practice 4: Students were responsible for creating at least one quilt square and for helping to put the entire quilt together.

Best Practice 5: Calvert Hospice was our primary partner. The Family & Consumer Science Department formed a partnership with parents, grandparents, community leaders/businesses (Wal-Mart) and school staff. These groups contributed batting, fabric, thread and other items needed for construction of the lap quilts.

Best Practice 6: The project was incorporate into the sewing lessons for the course.

Best Practice 7: A hospice worker came to the school as a resource person to talk with the class about the function of Calvert Hospice in the community. Students also learned sewing and teamwork skills.