

CLUB NEWS – Shining Examples of Sharing and Caring

From Escapees RV Club

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Escapees members Craig and Terilu Christen are also roving representatives for a charity called Sew Much Comfort. This charity makes adaptive clothing and “comfort items” for our injured and recovering troops and older hospitalized veterans. The clothing is off-the-rack or simple pattern-made items modified with hook and pile (Velcro) for easier dressing. These modified items allow veterans to replace hospital gowns with more comfortable “normal” clothing during both inpatient and outpatient activities.



Approximately 50,000 items have been made in the last five years. It has become a popular cause taken on by Escapees members at several of the Rainbow Parks, as well as at events like the Escapade, where in past years over 250 adapted boxer underwear and athletic shorts have been altered.

At the 49th Escapade in Sedalia, Missouri, enthusiastic volunteers busily gathered fabrics while others set up sewing machines. Folks cut, pinned, and ironed. In addition to modified clothing, they made useful items such as bedrail organizers, transport bags, and lap robes. These unique items are particularly handy during troop transports and also to ease a veteran’s hospital stay.

If you want to help make a recovering soldier’s life easier, go to www.SewMuchComfort.org for more information.

These much needed clothing/comfort items are just one example of charities in which thousands of Escapees participate. Many of us are aware of Escapees’ participation in Habitat for Humanity, Care-A-Vanners, DOVEs, Nomads, SOWERS, and, of course, Escapees CARE, Inc. But there are many other sharing and caring efforts that take place all year long. For instance, did you know that Escapees members have been making newborn baby caps and donating them to hospitals all across the country for years?



This special effort was started by Escapees member, Betty Russell, over a decade ago and it has become a tradition for Escapade crafters ever since. Over 1,000 new baby caps were knitted and crocheted by volunteers for donation at the 49th Escapade.

We are proud to say that sharing and caring is alive and well in the Escapees RV Club. Special thanks to all of you who donate your time, talents and funds to so many worthy causes.

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