

Eddy House Outreach Program

Can one scarf warm 2 hearts?

Sitting alone at the Salvation Army with winter approaching is a dread time for the residents who live in the pensioner section. With little to no funds coming in to support themselves further, cold winters can be bleak.

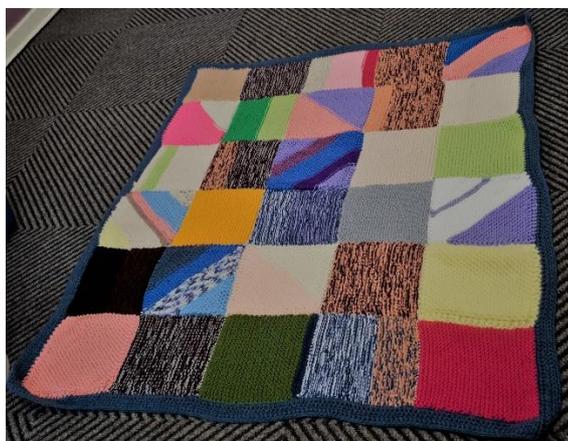
Loneliness at a retirement home is equally daunting. With families spread thin with work commitments and often living in other countries, it is at times difficult to keep the elderly motivated.

The Eddy House knitting group has been able to find an outlet that can help two people from one scarf. By taking part in the Knitting Programme, the residents get to take part in a social group where the ladies gather and knit items for charity and then as winter approaches, they head off to distribute their products to the needy at the Salvation Army.

The handover, which is done in person, allows both the maker and the recipient to interact and share. After each handover it is interesting to hear the residents talk about how thankful they are to be so blessed with their circumstances.

Additionally, wool is requested from the congregation at Central Methodist Church and the donated wool is used to make blankets and items for the Church outreach. Once a year the residents display the items at the Central Methodist Church so that the congregation can see what has been made with the donated wool. This years' display garnered high praise from the congregation. The Methodist Church then distributes these articles to the elderly in need in the area.

2018 will see the ladies extend their efforts into making keepsakes for the premature babies in the Neo-natal care unit at a local hospital.



Left: *One of the Blankets Knitted by the Team*

Below: *Our Knitting Group (L to R) Moira Schoombie, Lorna McNeill, Yvonne Tucker, Sheila Masterton*



Below: *Octopus Destined for the neo-natal ward*



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