

Epworth Stitchers Give Love and Comfort

On June 22, members of the Epworth Stitchers made a special delivery. Twenty beautiful and functional layette bags, as well as 18 hand-made quilted lap robes for shut-ins were delivered to Pastor Rosa Harris of the Forest Manor UMC. They then journeyed to Rafael Health Care Center, 34th and Central, to present 22 additional layette bags to their pre-natal department.

At Rafael, a layette bag prepared by Epworth Stitchers, is given to each young lady as part of her initial pre-natal visit and orientation. The gift is given as a motivational tool to keep young mothers-to-be returning to the clinic for pre-natal care during their pregnancy. It should be noted that a few years ago, this area (zip code) of Indianapolis had the highest infant mortality rate in the United States.

The bag is a 2 ½ gallon zip-lock bag containing a blanket, bib, hat, and sleeper, all home-made, as well as baby lotion, a toy, a book, and prayer for young mothers. Creative designs, colors, and details of some of the blankets made by our Stitchers are spectacular. Some items are crocheted or knitted.

Thank you to all who currently participate in this ministry. For those who would like to participate, we need volunteers to select fabric for blankets to make kits ready to sew, cut out fabric, and/or sew. Donations of fabric (cotton flannel/juvenile cotton print in 1 ¼ yd lengths) are appreciated.

Come help us “spread God’s love one stitch at a time”!

