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SALT SPRINGS VILLAGE RESIDENTS DONATE 100 HANDMADE QUILTS TO HEALTHY START

Community continues 20-plus year tradition of support to county health department



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Ocala, Fla.—Salt Springs Village residents partnered with the Florida Department of Health in Marion County March 24 to donate 100 handmade quilts to help Healthy Start families.

Each quilt is signed by one of the residents to give it a personal touch. The community's quilting project donates about 100 quilts to Healthy Start each year.

"I just can't tell you how much these quilts mean to our clients in need," said Lynne Hough, Healthy Start program administrator. "They are greatly appreciated, often kept for generations as the baby's first keepsake. These quilts are lovely, soft reminders that they are not alone, there is a community that cares."

Healthy Start helps pregnant women, women who are between pregnancies, infants, and children up to age 3. Healthy Start provides education, resource information, case management and care coordination services in order to improve birth outcomes and decrease infant mortality.

Healthy Start is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To make an appointment, call 352-629-0137, ext. 2275.



Residents of Salt Springs Village display handmade baby quilts they donated to the Florida Department of Health in Marion County Healthy Start program. They presented the quilts to the department during a luncheon ceremony at Bass Champions Restaurant in Fort McCoy.

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