

That's A Wrap!



A Note From Our President

Greetings!

On behalf of Wrapped Up in Sports, I would like to welcome you to "That's a Wrap". I am extremely excited to unveil the first volume of the organization's newsletter!

I created Wrapped Up in Sports, because I wanted to combine my love of sports with my love of quilting to create quilts that are not only warm and comforting, but also fun for a child to relate to, appreciate and LOVE.

Since our inception in late 2009, we have been blessed with a number of exciting events. First, we were asked by Children's Hospital Boston to donate quilts to its "Champions for Children" silent auction and dinner honoring Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett. Second, we were honored to partner with Red Sox Manager, Terry Francona in a donation to Children's Hospital Boston for the holidays. And last but not least, we are thrilled and honored to announce our partnership with the Red Sox Foundation! Having the support of a community champion such as the Red Sox Foundation means the world to our organization and immediately places Wrapped Up in Sports on course to meeting its long-term goals.

We have only just begun! 2010 is going to be an exciting year for Wrapped Up in Sports. We are establishing partnerships with many organizations throughout New England who are excited to receive our quilts, and we are recruiting volunteer quilters and non-quilters throughout the New England Area all the way down to New Jersey (we even have support from *Yankees* fans)!

In addition to establishing relationships and donating quilts, we are hoping to build a strong presence in the Boston community, by combining the trade of quilting and our love of sports to the younger generation. "Kids-Helping-Kids" is a concept our organization is hoping to build on and expand throughout the community.

We are extremely grateful for the overwhelming feedback and support from our volunteers, partner organizations, supporters, and patients. We are thrilled to know others find our cause worthwhile! The positive feedback and overwhelming support has only proven to me that this is a just cause and we are on the right track. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our volunteer quilters and non-quilters for your dedication, words of support and most of all, your generosity. Without you, our cause would not have a heart beat.

Sincere thanks,

Kate McCullough
Founder & President

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Upcoming Events

New England Quilt Museum
Red Sox quilt Raffle

<http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/>

If you would like to post your workshop, quilt show or any other event listing, please contact Allison Grant at Allison@wrappedupinsports.org



To Make a Donation

Monetary donations are always appreciated as operating an organization is costly. Any contribution – large or small – is a huge help to keep our cause going!

Checks can be written out to Wrapped Up in Sports, Inc. and remitted to:

Wrapped Up in Sports, Inc.
19 Emerson Street
Boston, MA 02127



Terry Francona And Wrapped Up in Sports, A Home Run!

Wrapped Up in Sports teamed up with Boston Red Sox Manager, Terry Francona and donated 49 Red Sox quilts to Children's Hospital Boston for the holidays.

The organization rallied support from quilt guilds and individual quilters spanning from New Jersey to New Hampshire.

Organizations and individual quilters involved in the donation are members of Wrapped Up in Sports; The Beachplum Quilters Guild of Toms River, NJ; The Belknap Mill Quilters Guild of New Hampshire; The New England Quilt Museum; The Maria Weston Chapman Middle School of Weymouth, MA; Mary Desrosiers of Raynham, MA.

"This was a really exciting opportunity for Wrapped Up in Sports", says the organization's Founder and President, Kate McCullough. "To successfully complete our first donation to a medical center as large as Children's Hospital alongside a public figure like Terry Francona is extremely fulfilling. We have received positive and heartfelt gratitude from Terry, the hospital administration, and most importantly the patients and their families. It

proves our cause is worthwhile, and it motivates us to begin our projects for the next year. I really hope the kids find comfort in them when needed, but can also enjoy them and have a lot of fun with them. That is the purpose of our cause".



Terry Francona during his visit to the Children's Hospital Boston

This is the first major quilt donation Wrapped Up in Sports has coordinated since its inception in late 2009. The organization, which rallies support from quilt guilds and volunteer quilters throughout New England is currently collaborating with other New England programs that house and assist children in need to coordinate its projects for 2010.



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Wrapped Up in Sports Participates in "Champions for Children" Honoring Red Sox Pitcher Josh Beckett

Wrapped Up in Sports donated five quilts to the "Champions for Children" dinner and silent auction benefiting Children's Hospital Boston, which was held at the Seaport Hotel World Trade Center in Boston on November 3, 2009.

This special event, which honors a professional athlete each year, honored Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett, and features athletes and staff from all five Boston sport's teams – the Bruins, Celtics, Patriots, Red Sox and Revolution – as well as top business leaders from Boston and around the world. This year, the event drew over 950 people in attendance, and over \$2.2 million was raised for the hospital.

Each quilt, representing one of the five Boston sports teams, was donated to the event's silent auction. Each quilt (bid on or not) was given to a young patient at Children's Hospital Boston.

Wrapped Up in Sports is honored to have been asked to participate in this very special event and hopes to be asked to participate in future events benefiting Children's Hospital Boston.

For more information on "Champions for Children", please visit: www.childrenshospital.org/champions



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Quilters Corner: A Look At What We Have Done





Teamwork Makes It Happen! The Chapman Quilt Club and Wrapped Up In Sports

The Chapman Quilt Club, from The Maria Weston Chapman Middle School recently teamed up with the "Wrapped Up in Sports" organization. They recently held a Quilt-a-thon to create Red Sox themed quilts to be donated to sick children and delivered by Red Sox Team Manager Terry Francona.

Wrapped Up In Sports founder, Kate McCullough continues, "We recognize the positive impact professional sports teams and their players have on children in need. We want to reach out to as many children as we can and provide them with the warmth and comfort of a quilt that represents the teams they root for each season as we believe they will provide a smile, inspiration and hope to each recipient. "I was thrilled to hear from Club Advisor Kate McCue-Day and the Chapman Quilters", says McCullough "because there is nothing more heart-warming than kids helping kids." Kate McCue-Day agreed, "These students are absolutely unbelievable. I am so proud of how focused they all were

and how well the older 8th grade students helped the younger students."

"When I visited the Chapman Quilters, I was warmed by their comments that they enjoyed quilting because their quilts were going to children in need" McCullough remarked.

Brianna Boidi, 8th grade, says, "While we are helping the community, we are also helping ourselves. Everyone involved becomes a better person by helping others. We have fun, but it is even better because we know it is going to a good cause. I'm really excited just thinking about how happy someone will be to receive these quilts. We realize that we are making these for sick people who are our own age."

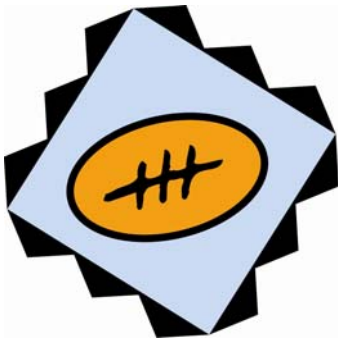


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The girls of Chapman Quilt Club working on quilts to be donated to Children's Hospital Boston





Coming Up! Events Bulletin Board



Wrapped Up in Sports is pleased to announce its partnership and first project of 2010 with The Elizabeth Stone House. Currently, the agency houses 35 children (infant – 18 yrs).

The Elizabeth Stone House in Roxbury, MA is a multi-service agency providing a safe space and supportive services to women and children afflicted by domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health issues and homelessness. In all of its work, the Stone House aims to counter the effects of trauma and break the cycles of violence and abuse—one family at a time. Through residential and community support services, the Stone House helps families heal and women reclaim control over their lives. For more information about the Stone House and its programs please go to: www.elizabethstonehouse.org

Number of quilts needed: 35

Team quilts needed: Celtics, Patriots and Red Sox

Deadline for quilts to be submitted: Tuesday, March 30, 2010



Wrapped Up in Sports is also pleased to announce its partnership with Horizons for Homeless Children. Currently, 175 children (infant – 5 ½ yrs) reside at the Community Children Centers around Boston.

Horizons for Homeless Children helps children learn how to play, to share, to read, and to enjoy exploring their worlds. They help parents learn how to be nurturing and involved in the growth and development of their children, and help them learn and grow through job training, GED and college courses. They help to stabilize families so that they can weather any crisis, and thus help to break the cycle of homelessness that too often occurs. For more information about Horizons for Homeless Children and its programs please visit:

www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org

Number of quilts needed: As many as possible

Team quilts needed: Celtics, Bruins, Patriots and Red Sox.

Deadline for quilts to be submitted: Friday, May 29, 2010



WANTED!!!

Wrapped Up in Sports collects and recycles sports apparel! If you are looking to get rid of your Boston sports gear, please think of us before throwing it away! We will take your old Bruins, Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics, Cannons and Revolution shirts and turn them into quilts to be enjoyed by someone in need. Please send your apparel to **Wrapped Up in Sports, Inc. 19 Emerson Street Boston, MA 02127.**



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Our Story

Wrapped Up In Sports was established during the summer of 2008 when founder, Kate McCullough sat at home watching the [WEEI](#) Jimmy Fund Telethon. Kate learned through the many stories told that day that the [Red Sox Foundation](#) is a major advocate for the [Jimmy Fund Clinic](#) and [The Dana-Farber Institute](#). She also learned that kids being treated at the Jimmy Fund Clinic travel to select away games, go down to spring training and meet the players, and are often visited by the players while being treated at the clinic. Kate noticed as these kids – some stricken with terminal illnesses – spoke of their experiences, their eyes widened, the tone of their voices perked up, and they smiled from ear to ear. For a brief moment, they seemed as if they were not sick at all.

Inspired by the stories on TV, Kate wanted to help. An avid sports fan and quilter, Kate was sparked with the idea to make and donate quilts representing the Boston Red Sox to the Jimmy Fund Clinic. In her opinion, there was no better way to personally connect with these children than to give them a gift of their beloved sports team.

Kate made and donated 15 Red Sox quilts to the Jimmy Fund Clinic and was overwhelmed by the positive response and gratitude by the children and their parents. Encouraged by friends and family who wanted to get involved, she created Wrapped Up in Sports in order to generate a higher volume of donated quilts to reach a larger number of deserving children.



Meet Our Supporters

Because of our generous supporters, we are able to continue our community projects serving organizations and programs that house and assist children in need throughout New England. We are also on track to meet our short, medium and long-term goals.

- * The Red Sox Foundation
- * Sara & Scot Drummond
- * Casey Dylan
- * Sean & Kristine Elkins
- * Terry Francona, Manager of the Boston Red Sox
- * Betty Grinevetsky
- * Bill & Sue Grinevetsky
- * Robert Lithgow
- * Dr. Jerry Malis
- * Tom & Pat McCullough
- * Bobby & Joanna McCullough
- * Emily McCullough
- * James Pugliese
- * Chuck Schmazel
- * Beth & Tom Schupsky
- * Jen & Dave Seltz
- * Scott Soule

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