

HEARTS TWO HANDS QUILTING

Hearts Two Hands (H-2-H) – 125th Anniversary Update

Our Motto: *What we make with our two hands comes from our hearts.*

Hearts 2 Hands (H-2-H) began when one of our own church families received the first Habitat for Humanity house in Ely. When Toni Floyd offered to make a quilt for the family, she was asked to make one for all six. Needing some help, a group was formed on May 1, 2002. Ladies knowing how to sew, but not how to quilt, showed up. They learned by making quilts for the ABC Quilts project benefiting kids at risk on the Range, which Toni was already involved with. Once the six quilts were completed, the group decided to continue making quilts. When ABC Quilts closed in 2006, Toni started **Quilts for at-risk Kids** to continue deliveries to children on the Range. Over 1400 quilts have been delivered since she started with ABC Quilts in 1998. The fellowship and support of its members is what keeps this group motivated.

Although H-2-H focusses on at-risk children, it also works occasionally on special projects. Over the years the group prepared 90 yards of fabric for the **Duluth Quilt Show**, where 40 quilts were completed for at-risk kids; assisted with 35 kids' quilts for **Hurricane Katrina** victims; made 10 quilts for members of an **Alzheimer's Study**; and made a quilt for **Wounded Veterans** and one for **ALS Hopes & Dreams**. Since August, 2000, H-2-H has had an annual Pillowcase Party for Ryan's **Case for Smiles** sending 100 pillowcases, to the pediatric ward at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. It continues to make quilts for at-risk kids for **Social Services** in Ely, **Foster Care** kids on the range, **Homeless Children** and preemies in the **NICU** at St. Mary's Hospital. H-2-H is an example of how Ely United Methodist Church and friends come together for the benefit of others.