

## **South County Sewing Ministry**

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This ministry began about five years ago, with 15 “sew angels” eager to share their time and talent to help aid those in the community. We sewed and stuffed over 25 pillows for women who have experienced breast cancer surgery. Wow, what a great start! We asked for donations for fabric, notions and sewing machines. Not thinking we would get sewing machines, but why not. Sure enough the calls and emails came in and our group had everything you could possibly imagine to carry out God’s will to help others.

In 2015, our sew angels completed many items from baby hats to walker totes and so much more. Together this past year we have impacted the lives of over 1,015 people.

South County Sewing Ministry (Holy Family and Our Lady of Perpetual Help) have been able to share and serve others with great love. There are many stories to tell how the items in this ministry brought comfort to those in need. One of our biggest items that are well received is the walker totes. Two recent experiences regarding our popular and much needed walker totes:

- One of our sew angels was visiting her husband in the hospital and had in her car walker totes she needed to drop off at church. When she was leaving the hospital she noticed a patient struggling with his walker and the items he was trying to carry - she quickly went over and said I’ll be right back. She ran to her car and grabbed a walker tote for him and the patient was thrilled.
- Another sew angel was at a local bank waiting in line and an elderly lady with a walker was nearby. The lady’s coat was draped over her walker. She looked up and recognized our sew angel and lifted her coat and said “you’re one of the sew time ladies that gave me this wonderful tote bag.”

We feel truly blessed to be part of this wonderful group and share amazing stories about those lives that we have touched every month when we meet.

**Stitching with friends**

**Embracing those in need**

**Welcoming the Holy Spirit to guide us**

We look forward to the path that God guides us along in this wonderful journey of faith and welcome anyone who wants to “Taste and See the Goodness of Our Lord.”

