



As another summer has zoomed by, so begins the new guild year! It is hard to believe how quickly the snow will return. With cold weather on its way, we ask you again to get out your machines and make a quilt for someone less fortunate. The charity we have picked for this year is The Zebra Child Protection Society. This is an incredible group of people who do very important work, protecting abused children. The following is taken from the Zebra Child Protection Centre's website. For complete details about this group, please visit their website at <http://www.zebracentre.ca>

It takes a community to protect an abused child.

Zebra Child Protection Centre: "Where Kids Can Tell"

- In Canada there are 114,607 cases of child abuse substantiated each year. This means that for every 1000 children in our country, 19 of them are known to suffer abuse. These figures account for only the cases that are reported and investigated through Canadian Child Welfare services.
- Statistics have shown that only 1 in 10 incidents of child abuse is reported. That means there are potentially over 1,000,000 cases of child abuse in Canada.
- The Zebra Centre serves over 1,000 children every year. Based on the above statistic - there are approximately 10,000 children who are suffering abuse right here in our community.

Statistic Sources: Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect - Major Findings, Public Health Agency of Canada, 2003.

The statistics are alarming. The ravages of child abuse are staggering both in scope and complexity. Think of how many children suffer: our neighbours, relatives, friends... our children's playmates and classmates. Just imagine how much courage it

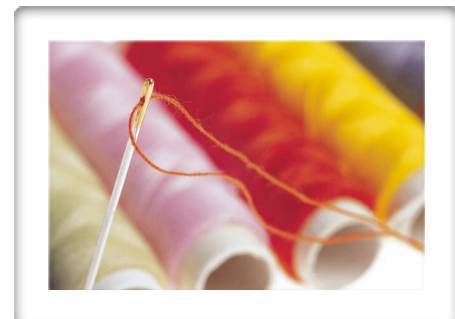
takes for a child to disclose the nature of this crime, oftentimes knowing that it will tear apart his or her world.

Edmonton's Zebra Child Protection Centre, the first centre of its kind in Canada, enables our community to respond to child abuse with a professional, compassionate and highly integrated program of healing and justice. In both spirit and amenities, Zebra is a child-centred service, from its playroom, children's art and homemade blankets through its timely support services and its effective and rigorous approach to investigations.

The Zebra Centre brings together a multi-disciplinary community of professionals -- Edmonton Police Service, Alberta Children's Services, Crown Prosecutors, Child at Risk Response Teams, medical and trauma screening professionals and volunteer Child and Family Advocates -- to an environment that nurtures the hurt child and uses all the wisdom of its partnership to see that justice is done. Through alliances within the community, the centre also puts children as well as their non-offending parents and guardians in touch with essential social service organizations.

The Zebra Centre gives all of us in our community an opportunity to play a part in safeguarding our abused children and playing a key role in their healing process. Whether the gifts you have to share are financial, professional, gifts in kind (such as toys, blankets, and clothing) or a commitment of your time as a volunteer, you can be assured that your contribution will play an important part in lending strength to abused children in our community.

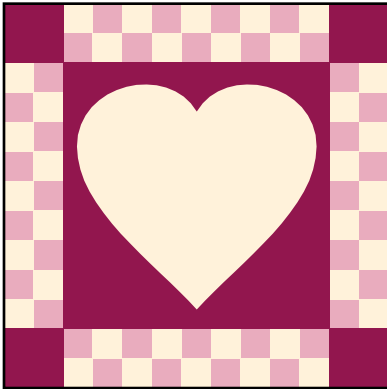
We are asking for donations of quilts for the children served by Zebra. The quilts can be any size from baby quilt through to twin bed size. Lap quilts are great because they are portable. We have 2 patterns available for you to make- the links to these are on our website at cabinquilters.net . Do not feel limited to only these two options. If you have a favorite baby quilt or some other pattern,



you have always wanted to try- MAKE IT! We will take it gladly!



The members of your charity committee this year include Phyllis Rice, Carol LaRose, Christine Wiggett and Donna Towndrow. If you have any questions, concerns, great ideas or would like to help out on the, please speak with any of these great ladies.



To those members who filled out the charity questionnaires at the June meeting and put their names down to help us out; Thanks! We have your names and will be contacting you as we get donations and need help.