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## ***Local guild makes life comforting for victims of trauma***

**(The Waterloo County Quilters' guild was granted project funding through the City of Waterloo—Arts and Culture Cash Grants Program to make quilts for Victims Services clients and to provide comfort to those in need in our community; a presentation of quilts will take place Jan. 16, 2019)**

“The City of Waterloo recognizes the important role not-for-profit and community organizations play as providers of programs and services to help create a healthy, creative and resilient community. The City of Waterloo provides Community Cash Grants to support eligible organizations and community projects that encourage participation in a wide spectrum of interest areas encompassing recreation and sports, arts and culture, festivals and events, and neighbourhoods.” Source: Corporate Policy City of Waterloo; Community Cash Grants Policy

The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild was granted funding under the City of Waterloo Community Cash Grants Program (2017) and this funding was used to purchase supplies and to make many bed size quilts (25 plus). On January 16 at 1:30 pm a presentation of quilts will take place by the members of the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild at the Albert McCormick Community Room, 500 Parkside Drive to Bruce Moffat, Executive Director of Victims Services.

### Some Background Information:

It should be noted that the Waterloo County Quilters Guild is a very charitable group with 10 plus charitable programs on the go since the Guilds' inception in 1984. After receiving the Community Grants Project Funding, over 175 and a resounding 75% of the 230 members of this guild spent many tireless hours working on the 25 + bed sized quilts. The quilters' donating their time to machine sewing, hand sewing, quilting, coordinating, attending workshops and donating fabric to complete these beautiful works of art. The members of this industrious guild felt that with their talent and empathy for victims in our community, it would be appropriate to use the project grant funding to make bed sized quilts to provide the victims with comfort, warmth, a sense of community caring and belonging and to meet the functional needs those suffering as victims of trauma. The quilts completed incorporated traditional and modern quilting methods with both hand quilting and professional machine quilting represented. The two quilt designs used were: Friendship Stars and Chains and Log Cabin as the guild members felt these would be familiar designs imparting warmth and comfort.

The project was appropriately named the “I'm Possible Project” as a result of a quote by Audrey Hepburn, which the members felt was appropriate to uplift victims in our community. The quote states: “*Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible!'*” Source: <https://www.keepinspiring.me/audrey-hepburn-quotes/>

*We welcome media to record this event and join us Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at the Albert McCormick Community Centre, 500 Parkside Dr. Waterloo as we celebrate the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild's work to support victims in our community and listen to a power point presentation by Bruce Moffat, Executive Director of Victims Services of Waterloo Region about the services they provide to our community.*

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