

## **WILDERNESS TRAIL AREA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018**

The Wilderness Trail Area which is comprised of counties: Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle and Whitley. I am especially proud of the universal giving spirit across the Area. Homemakers across the Area have given their time, their money and themselves to make a better place in which to live.

The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund received 100% support from our counties. The counties also provided 4-H scholarship funds and academic scholarships to worthy students

Bell: Donated food and other items to the Homeless Shelter, local churches, local hospital nursing home unit and local schools. Collected pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House and hosted a Quilt Show for the Mountain Laurel Festival. Donated chemo hats to hospitals and baby caps to NICU. Adopted a soldier in Afghanistan and donated items to U. S. Virgin Islands.

Clay: Donated turbans to Clay County Cancer Coalition and Blue Grass Hospice. Made and presented a quilt to the local Veterans organization.

Harlan County: Made and donated Fidget Quilts to Alzheimer's patients. Collected clothing, school supplies, snacks, food and water for several distribution groups in the region. Made and donated quilts to the county baby shower, local veterans, the Farmer's Market and the nursing home, sponsored book giveaways to children and adults,. Junior Homemakers made craft kits for Adult Day Care and Nursing Homes.

Jackson: Supported the Jackson County Fair and the Grand Opening of the Farmer's Market. Provided support for the Master Clothing Volunteer.

Knox: Delivered personal products and clothing to women detainees. Participated in Operation Christmas Child, collected and delivered cans food items to the local homeless shelter, made personal backpacks for foster children, sewed lap quilts, adult bibs, pillow cases and walker bags for hospice patients and nursing home patients.

Laurel: Provided 269 “blankets” and over 180 pillow cases to 5 organizations that work directly with disadvantaged children, held week long quilt camps for adults and children. Participated in Operation Christmas Child, Quilter’s Day Out and the Million Pillow Case Challenge. Established a Junior Homemaker group in partnership with a local middle school and collected donations to provide water filter to local families who either have no running water or who have contaminated wells.

Rockcastle: Donated funds the Pat Bradley Scholarship Fund at ECU. Pat had been a member of both quilt clubs. Actively supported the elementary school backpack clubs, worked concession at the Farm Machinery Sale to support the Quail Community Park and the Community building at the Park. Donated quilts to Compassionate Care and fidget quilts to Alzheimer’s Patients.

Whitley: Made and donated pillow cases for comfort pillows to Baptist Regional Hospital. Made bereavement quilts for community members. Conducted a Diaper/Wipes Drive for Galilean Children’s Home. Conducted a Fat Quarter Drive for a California quilters guild that lost everything in the wild fires.

In summary, the Wilderness Trail Area is committed to our communities and to making them better for everyone.