



Charlie Crist
Governor

Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H.
State Surgeon General

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 2009

Contact: Brenda Barnes
(863) 674-4047, ext.126

**QUILTING FROM THE HEART:
GLADES RESIDENTS DONATE HANDMADE QUILTS FOR NEW MOMS**

GLADES COUNTY – Quilting from the heart: that’s what Phyllis Asher and Jean Brew do every day in Glades County. Phyllis and Jean hand sew small quilts and donate them to the Glades County Health Department (CHD) for the new or expecting moms and their soon-to-be bundles of joy.

Phyllis and Jean have been sewing for most of their lives. When asked why they do it, they humbly replied, “Because we love to sew and we know that families in Glades County could use the quilts.” They never expected any recognition or reward for their donated time and talents. But Pat Dobbins, Administrator for the Glades and Hendry CHDs, and Greta Gallo, Glades CHD Healthy Start Family Support Worker, decided that these ladies needed to know how much they are appreciated.

Ms. Gallo helps to distribute the donated quilts through the Glades County Healthy Start Program. Ms. Dobbins personally thanked Phyllis and Jean by presenting them with a certificate of appreciation that stated “Together We Care.” Ms. Dobbins said, “Ladies like Phyllis and Jean make me proud to work with the caring communities of Glades County.”

Phyllis Asher and her husband have lived in Glades County for over 11 years. They have been married for 55 years and are members of the Baptist Church in Lakeport. When asked how she chose Glades County as home, Phyllis, a native of Indiana, stated, “I suppose that’s where God wanted me.” Phyllis has been an active volunteer for most of her life. In Indiana, she served the schools as a “Gray Lady,” providing first aid to school children. She was also a Girl Scout Leader for over 15 years and most recently has volunteered for Hope Hospice and local nursing homes. Phyllis says that she loves to sew and probably sews from 8 to 10 hours per day.

Jean Brew and her husband have been spending the winter months in Glades County for over five years. They have been married for 43 years and are members of the Methodist Church. They are from Wisconsin but love coming to Glades County every year from January to March. Jean has also been an active volunteer. She volunteers at the elementary school in Moore Haven helping children from kindergarten through second grade with their reading. In Wisconsin, Jean was a Home Economics teacher and is a member of the Kiwanis’s Club. Jean says that she also loves to sew and enjoys trying new quilt patterns.

Phyllis and Jean wanted to thank the following individuals for their help with the quilting project: Sharon, Betty, Elaine, Janis, Becky, Irene, Jill, Phyllis, Bea and Alana.

Hendry And Glades County Health Departments

Patricia K. Dobbins, R.N. M.S. /H.S.A
Administrator
PO Box 70 (1140 Pratt Blvd.)
LaBelle, Florida 33975
863-674-4041

1100 S. Olympia
Clewiston, Florida 33440
863-983-1408

PO Box 489
956 US Hwy 27 SW
Moore Haven, Florida 33471
863-946-0707



Charlie Crist
Governor

Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H.
State Surgeon General

For more information about National Women's Health Week or National Women's Check-Up Day, visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health website at www.womenshealth.gov.

DOH promotes, protects and improves the health of all people in Florida. For more information about the Hendry and Glades CHDs, visit www.doh.state.fl.us/chdHendry/home.html or www.doh.state.fl.us/chdGlades/home.html.

###



(From left to right) Phyllis Asher with Pat Dobbins, Administrator, Glades & Hendry County Health Departments



(From left to right) Pat Dobbins, Administrator, Glades & Hendry County Health Departments & Jean Brew

Hendry And Glades County Health Departments

Patricia K. Dobbins, R.N. M.S. /H.S.A
Administrator
PO Box 70 (1140 Pratt Blvd.)
LaBelle, Florida 33975
863-674-4041

1100 S. Olympia
Clewiston, Florida 33440
863-983-1408

PO Box 489
956 US Hwy 27 SW
Moore Haven, Florida 33471
863-946-0707



Charlie Crist
Governor

Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H.
State Surgeon General



(From left to right) Phyllis Asher, Pat Dobbins-Administrator, Glades & Hendry County Health Department, Greta Gallo-Glades County Health Department, Healthy Start Family Support Worker & Jean Brew

###

Hendry And Glades County Health Departments
Patricia K. Dobbins, R.N. M.S. /H.S.A
Administrator
PO Box 70 (1140 Pratt Blvd.)
LaBelle, Florida 33975
863-674-4041

1100 S. Olympia
Clewiston, Florida 33440
863-983-1408

PO Box 489
956 US Hwy 27 SW
Moore Haven, Florida 33471
863-946-0707
