

Hero Award

New Friends Quilt Circle

NEW FRIENDS QUILT CIRCLE was formed 30 years ago by founder and visionary Carmen Martinez. Her goal was to provide learning, service opportunities and friendship for people in our community through quilting. These continue to be the hallmarks of the organization today as they come together to make elegant quilts that are then donated to people in need.

NEW FRIENDS QUILT CIRCLE is a relatively small group with a very large impact on the community. They contribute a minimum average of 224 community service hours a month. By their estimates in 2018 members of NEW FRIENDS QUILT CIRCLE donated over \$10,000 in materials, not including labor, towards quilts that were given away in the community.

Through the Meals on Wheels program they donated 385 quilts to seniors. Also last year they were able to donate over a hundred quilts to families and children suffering from illness or trauma by way of our local NIC-U,



Project Linus, and our very own police department.

The NEW FRIENDS QUILT CIRCLE has been a quiet but powerful force in our community for years. They serve each other and our residents, and

they support our heroes which in turn makes them heroes as well. For these reasons we want to honor the NEW FRIENDS QUILT CIRCLE by giving them this Hero Award and declaring Jan 28, 2020, NEW FRIENDS QUILT CIRCLE Day in American Fork City.

