



When **Made With Love** (MWL) started in 2016, Kiawah Island crafters wanted to bring the comfort and warmth of fleece blankets to our neighbors, specifically seniors, Veterans and elementary school children. We have grown through the years to encompass so much more in our mission to bring love to the residents of Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. We do much more than fleece blankets, and MWL now includes crafters from neighboring islands, too.

Teachers tell us our blanket and pillow sets have far-reaching social and emotional meaning to the young children who receive them, especially as they start their school years during these challenging times. The sets help recipients associate reading with comfort and love. And other MWL items - bookmarks, fabric pocket pillows, book bags and backpacks that each hold a special book we provide - serve as reading incentives and rewards for young children.

We make a variety of blanket sizes for the different needs of children and adults – including patriotic-themed blankets for our Veterans. We make fleece and knitted/crocheted scarves and hats for all ages. We sew a variety of cotton totes, crossbody purses and wallets for seniors, teachers, parents and moms-to-be. We use leftover fleece squares from our blankets to make lavender sachets, magnets and other small items for appreciation gifts. We take donated used greeting cards and turn them into new cards to package for use by parents, teachers and seniors. We compile toiletry packs to provide both basic needs and special gifts. And for our furry neighbors, we make braided toys out of fleece scraps. No matter what, it's all **Made With Love**...and nothing goes to waste!

### How Can You Get Involved?

- **Share your talent.** Whether you're a beginner or advanced crafter, MWL projects can suit your skills.
  - Join our group at weekly Fleece+ Friday sessions from 10 – noon at KICA Offices, 23 Beachwalker Drive in the Bobcat Room. No reservations or obligation required! You can tie blankets and pillows with others who will soon become your friends! And we have a couple of sewing machines, card-making supplies, and toiletries that you can work with too, depending on *your* interests.
  - Make any MWL items at home and bring the finished products to the Beachwalker offices. Or, as some on our Team do, mail the finished items if you are making them in another state! No-sew blanket/pillow and sewing project kits are available for pick up at the Beachwalker offices' Contractor area (to the left of the lobby), where you can also return finished projects and donate items. Instructions, fabrics and other supplies are provided, or you can buy and use your own.
- **Donate products and/or money**
  - Fleece yardage and cotton fabrics are always needed. You can also buy and donate fleece no-sew kits.
  - Machine washable new pillow forms (14"x14") are always welcome.
  - New *unopened* travel and sample-size items are always needed, specifically
    - ❖ Soap
    - ❖ Shampoo
    - ❖ Conditioner
    - ❖ Toothbrush
    - ❖ Toothpaste
    - ❖ Deodorant
    - ❖ Body lotion
    - ❖ Disposable razor
    - ❖ Shaving cream
    - ❖ Perfume sample
    - ❖ Make-up sample
    - ❖ Lip balm
    - ❖ Comb
    - ❖ Brush
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  - Monetary donations allow us to purchase specific items to meet our growing needs. Please make checks payable to *Kiawah Cares Foundation* and put "*for Made With Love*" in the memo line.

We are looking forward to meeting you and hope you become part of this special group with amazing hearts-to-serve. If you'd like more information about our group, our projects or have other questions, please feel free to email **Made With Love** Coordinator Donna Porritt at [dporritt@att.net](mailto:dporritt@att.net) (please put "info about MWL" in the subject line).