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### **Botsford Commons senior citizens spread goodwill with good works**

Preemies at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit will experience a hug of sorts from the dedicated senior citizens from Botsford Commons Senior Community. A group of volunteers from the Farmington Hills community will take approximately 50 handmade blankets for the newborns to the hospital on Friday, Nov. 14.

"These blankets make such a difference," said Barb Smith, Botsford Commons' senior recreation program coordinator. "It's not such a shock for parents to see their babies in the incubators when they're wrapped in a snuggly blanket."

The blankets were made with love by the seniors, whose community service recently won them the Michigan Center for Assisted Living's Volunteer of the Year award. This dedicated group includes those both living independently in senior condominiums and those in assisted living.

In other volunteer efforts, the group recently delivered seven boxes of canned goods to the Costick Activities Center for the Goodfellows' community pantry. The food was collected by the independent community residents at their Harvest Fest dinner dance in October. Also, assisted living volunteers helped their furry friends by shredding 15 bags of newspaper for local animal shelters.

Later this month, Botsford volunteers will head over to Botsford Elementary School with about 60 handmade scarves for the Goodfellows' mitten and scarf tree there.

"We have amazing residents," Smith said. "This is a place where senior citizens can continue what they've always done – be involved and give back. They take a lot of pride in helping others."

Botsford Commons Senior Community is a non-profit corporation providing housing and service options for seniors. Located on a 30-acre campus in Farmington Hills, the Community offers a full continuum of care for the area's senior population including short stay rehabilitation, privately owned condominiums, senior apartments and assisted living suites. For more information visit the website at: [www.botsfordcommons.org](http://www.botsfordcommons.org).