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Botsford seniors offer cozy comfort for young patients *Pillows donated to kid's cancer support program*

Stitching, stuffing and lots of love from residents of Botsford Commons Senior Community have resulted in more than 400 pillows for young children battling cancer.

On Friday, June 5 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Barb Smith, recreation program coordinator and residents from Botsford Common's Senior Living Center, will present hand-crafted pillows, to Sgt. Jeremy A. James, of the "Heroes" program and Lauren Elizabeth of the "Queen for a Day" program, two non-profit charities whose mission is to raise the self esteem and confidence of boys and girls with cancer. Both individuals are Advisory Board Members of their respective charities.

"Donations like these, made with such care, mean so much," said James, chairman of the Detroit chapter of the charity. "These children deserve all the support they can get, and something snuggly to hold on to, something that is theirs, really helps comfort them during tough times."

The Heroes and Queen for a Day programs do their parts to bring sunshine to the lives of hospitalized children through fun-filled visits at the hospital. Volunteers play games, do crafts and generally do their best to bring smiles to the faces of these brave "heroes" and "queens."

"Really, volunteers get back much more than they receive," said James. "Just to see these kids light up is gratifying."

Smith said the Heroes and Queen for a Day programs were the perfect recipients for Botsford's hard-working "Pillow Creators," because the residents take a special interest in helping children.

"Who doesn't love to bring comfort to children, especially those who are ill?" she said. "It means so much to our seniors to help others."

In addition to Royal Oak Beaumont, participating hospitals in the Heroes and Queen for a Day programs include St. John Hospital in Grosse Pointe, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, and Hurley Hospital in Flint. The pillow presentation will take place at 2 p.m. in Royal Oak Beaumont's south lobby.

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.