



AT SAPPA VALLEY MANOR last Wednesday, Delores Jennings (above) worked on a stitch on her quilt. Ardith Louderback (below) held up a puppy quilt made to give to a child in the hospital.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



Local women make warm, colorful quilts for sick children

Brightly colored, soft quilts will soon be wrapped around youngsters who are in the hospital, thanks to the Heart to Heart Quilters.

Phyllis LaSalle, a member of the quilting group, said anyone can join. It meets the third Wednesday of the month at Sappa Valley Manor. It's all women so far, she added, and all have all different skill levels. Some are novice quilters while others are more experienced.

The women start around 1 p.m. and quilt and talk all afternoon and

into the evening. Mrs. LaSalle said they have a light supper.

Shanna Long, said Mrs. LaSalle, found information on quilts for kids in hospitals on the web and brought it to the group. The project is sponsored through the Downey company, she said.

Each of the quilts has to be a certain size. Quilters can get a kit to make the quilt, use a pattern or design their own.

"This project is a good chance to use up small pieces of fabric,"

she added.

The women have been working on the project for the past three to four months. Mrs. LaSalle said they work on the quilts at the monthly meetings and also at home.

Last year the women made quilts for injured veterans at the Walter Reed Army Hospital.

When the women aren't working on a special project, said Mrs. LaSalle, they work on their own quilts.



DENISE JONES (above) put squares together for a quilting project. The duck fishing quilt (left) is another which the women made for a sick child.

