

## Quilters' Pillows Comfort BMG Cancer Patients

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY – Members of a local quilters group are using their creativity, skill and caring nature to help comfort Buffalo Medical Group (BMG) cancer patients in a unique way.

Recently, the Twin City Quilters Guild which is based in the Tonawandas, donated 50 "Pink Ribbon Comfort Pillows" to the BMG Oncology/Hematology Department in Williamsville.

The colorful, handmade pillows are distributed to breast cancer and other cancer patients who receive their chemotherapy treatments in BMG's Infusion Center at 295 Essjay Road. "The patients just love them," said Michelle Kuebler, RN, Oncology Nurse Administrator. "The diagnosis of cancer is very difficult emotionally for patients, and the gift of these pillows has brought much comfort to them."

According to Patricia S. Kuriscak, Chairwoman of the Pink Ribbon Comfort Pillow project, the quilters guild decided to donate pillows to Buffalo Medical Group cancer patients at the suggestion of June Roetzer, a member of the organization and herself a BMG cancer patient.

"The dedication, commitment and effort by members of the quilters guild is extraordinary, and we are pleased to be able to participate in an activity that brings comfort to patients during difficult times in their lives," said Ms. Kuriscak. She added that the project is ongoing and the group plans to continue donating comfort pillows to BMG as well as other health care providers that treat cancer patients.

Charitable activities have been a hallmark of the Twin City Quilters Guild since its founding in 1982. It now has nearly 100 members including two men, according to Ms. Kuriscak. In recent years, Guild members have made and donated more than 2,000 quilts to *Project Linus*, a program that provides quilts to ill, traumatized or needy children.

Founded in 1946, Buffalo Medical Group is among the oldest and largest multi-specialty physician practice groups in New York State and the largest in Western New York. With more than 90 specialists and sub-specialists as well as a team of 740 nurses, technologists, and other health care professionals, BMG records more than 415,000 outpatient visits annually at its main locations in Buffalo, Williamsville, and Orchard Park and 24 satellite sites.

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