

2024/2025 has been an extremely busy year for QOVC. Our Sponsor A Quilt program saw significant growth allowing our quilting groups to connect to the business community bringing awareness and the financial support for creating quilt tops from these select funds. Traditionally after Quilt Canada in June we would see a slowdown of activity in the summer months. This was certainly not the case this year. In some areas such as Newfoundland, presentation numbers increased because of veterans wishing to receive their quilts when they are home with extended family.

From Summer to Fall of 2024 we kicked off a new contest. The realtor contest was possible through the generous support of realtors across the country and BERNINA Canada. The 11 for 11 Contest was extremely popular again this year, over 400 quilts were longarmed as part of the contest. Our large prizes were sponsored by Northcott, N. Jefferson and East Coast Quilt Co. During the winter months we ran a very successful Hug Block contest that was sponsored by BERNINA Canada.

The tradition of the National QOVC Sew Day continued the first Friday in February. There were over 500 participants from across the country. This format continues to be very successful for us. Some participants meet in groups and call in from one screen, and others call in from their own home. Paul Leger once again volunteered to be our host for the day. There was a moving presentation from Rhonda O'Quinn, mother of Chad O'Quinn who was one of the brave soldiers we lost in Afghanistan. Rhonda shared how volunteering with QOVC brings joy and healing to both herself, and her husband Ken. The day was once again filled with amazing prize draws complements of Northcott, Happy Wife Quilting, N. Jefferson and Silly Moon Quilting.

Springtime started the quilt show season across Canada. Our volunteers were out in full force promoting QOVC at quilt shows, farmers markets, and even air shows. This year's QOVC Poppy panel was Dancing Poppies by Artist Adam Young. Our panels continue to be popular both through pre-order from the online store and sales at Quilt Canada.

Quilt Canada 2025 in Toronto was very successful. Our sponsors BERNINA CANADA and Northcott provided fabric and machines and over 400 blocks were sewn in our booth.

The booth was gorgeous and was constantly full of visitors sewing blocks, looking at the quilts displayed and lining up to purchase from the online store. The volunteers worked so hard, and they brought everything together to make the event a huge success.

We worked very hard this year over 2000 quilts were presented to veterans. Our volunteer team continues to grow. We continue to thrive because of generous financial donors and the hundreds of quilters who give their time and talent to support our cause.

the feedback from veterans and their families continues to be that they are extremely grateful for their quilt, it provides comfort from the day they receive it for years to come. We have even gotten responses telling us that it means so much they have something so significant to pass along in their family for generations to come.

Our volunteers are second to none and another successful year is directly because of the significant role each one plays to fulfil the QOVC mission.

Our mission is to ensure that injured Canadian Forces members are recognized for their service and commitment to our country. We give this support through the presentation of quilts to comfort our injured past and present Canadian Forces members.

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