

February 19, 2016

Bears, Blankets and Books

The Norfolk District branches of the Women's Institute celebrated the 119th Anniversary of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario on February 19 with a donation to children in care at Norfolk General Hospital. All branches prepared several special kits including a bear, a blanket and a book to be given to children while at the hospital. The bears and blankets were beautifully handmade by the members while the book "Quincy and His Quilt: A Northern Adventure" was written by 2004 FWIO Children's Storybook Competition winner Loreen Ambler.

Marian Austin, Norfolk WI Public Relations Officer read a prepared statement from Margaret Byl President FWIO "we are a not-for-profit organization with branches throughout Ontario. To celebrate our anniversary, members of our organization are giving packages to you to help comfort children in your care." Mrs. Austin went on to indicate "we plan on making this an ongoing project for our women."

The packages were accepted by Kim Mullins, Director of the Emergency Department and Linda Muir, member of the NGH/NHNNH Volunteer Association. The WI packages will be distributed to children through the volunteers in conjunction with the Share Bear program.

"This is such an honour for us", said Director Mullins in accepting the many gifts. "Thank you for thinking of us and our pediatric population."

The Norfolk District WI includes 8 branches in Bealton, Langton, Lynedoch, Marburg, Renton, St. Williams, Victoria and Walsingham. For more information about the organization please visit: www.fwio.ca

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