

Blankets from heaven

Theresa Schaub continues to donate time to keep folks warm

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It's a cold long winter in Lac La Biche, and for the homeless population, the frigid temperatures go beyond a mere chill. But, local Plamondon resident Theresa Schaub has been doing her best to help folks fight the cold by making lovely blankets to keep them warm at night.

"I love doing it, it has been a hobby of mine for several years now," Schaub said. "Everyone is needy in some way, I'm just glad I can help people."

Schaub has been donating blankets to the homeless shelter in Lac La Biche's Victory Church for several years, and each year she attempts to make more blankets.

"Last year I made three blankets, and this year so far I've donated five," she said. "I'm going to keep making as many as I can for as long as I can."

According to Schaub, the blankets take about a day to make, and many of them are made from material that folks have donated to her.

"I try to use materials that people give me, and I try to make the blankets as big as possible," she said.

The blankets are made from a special fibre that helps keep the warmth in and according to Pastor Les Bourassa, the blankets really are quite warm.

"The blankets are really nice and warm, we're so fortunate to have someone like Theresa blessing the community with her work," he said.

Bourassa has been running the homeless shelter inside of Victory Church for three years, and says that this kind of consistent giving to the homeless community is very encouraging to him.

"It's so encouraging to see someone dedicate so much of her time to helping people," he said. "It's encouraging for me, but it's also encouraging to the community."

Charity runs in the family

In the Schaub family, the apple of giving doesn't fall far from the tree. Schaub son Rene was a former Lac La Biche citizen of the year, and constantly donates his



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time to the local archery club.

"Like mother like son in that family," Bourassa said. "The joy of giving back to the community obviously runs in the family."

For Schaub, her hobby isn't just about helping, it's about doing something she loves.

"I love doing this, and if I can help out some people while doing it, then that's just great."