

"We started it out of necessity. We had some publicity at the time but I had no idea what it would do," said Giffin.

Everybody responds differently to the gifts but each reaction is a positive one. "They can feel the love and hugs that went into making the quilt," Giffin said. "For people who have lost a loved one to cancer, the quilt serves as a remembrance."

For Perovic, it's a sense of community, both as a receiver of a quilt and a volunteer. "It gives me a creative outlet. It means I'm giving back to the community in a way that's meaningful for me," she said. "It's my sanity."

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