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Dear Quilt Committee Chairpersons and Donors,

Happy New Year! While we wait with bated breath to see if we will get a "real winter", we can work diligently at our Relief Sale projects and look ahead to upcoming events. First, a follow-up to a few things that were mentioned in our fall letter.

As advertised, the deadline for handing in completed quilts and related paperwork will be **March 15th**, just a bit earlier than in 2012. Last year we were pleased to see that most quilts arrived by the deadline. We know that there will always be a few that just can't be finished in time. We do ask for the paperwork by that date so that we can include all items in the catalogue. If the quilt is not ready on time, make a photocopy of the completed information sheet, and mark it "Duplicate". Send or fax the duplicate to the number above, and pin the original to the quilt upon delivery.

We **did** find a place in which to process the quilts while the new MCC space is under construction, and that is at Floradale Mennonite Church. This may be handy for some of you, and less convenient for others, but we are giving you several options. First, we ask you not to take your items to the current temporary warehouse at 61 Kent Ave, which is not the cleanest, and not secure enough. Nor do we want you to deliver them to the current MCC office on Ottawa Street, because of accessibility issues. So, beginning on March 1st, if you can possibly deliver your quilts to Floradale MC from **9:00-noon on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday** that would be ideal. Stanley Park Community Church in Kitchener has also generously offered to be a collection point. It is located at 9 Dreger Ave., which is on the corner of Dreger and Ottawa St. N., one block off the expressway, heading towards the Stanley Park Mall. The times for drop-offs there are **Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10:00-2:00**. The phone number: 519-893-8186; we suggest phoning before heading there, and looking for the doorbell to alert the secretary.

In order to make sure that we do not misplace any items with all this quilt shuffling, we think that for each quilt that is delivered to one of the churches, there should be a duplicate copy of each information sheet - the original pinned on the quilt, and one marked "Delivery Copy" for a drop box in the church secretary's office. If you would like us to confirm the safe arrival of your items, please make sure that we have your phone number or email information.

And a final option, if you know that one of the committee persons listed below lives close to you, is to make arrangements for a drop off or pick up. This will all be a bit crazy, but hopefully next year we will be working out of the spanking new MCC building at 50 Kent Ave.!(If all of this information has you totally confused, do not hesitate to contact one of us for enlightenment.)

We are pleased to introduce a new member to our committee, and that is Louise Miller of Kitchener, who is brave enough to take on the computer related aspects that have been Sandra Shantz's responsibility. Sandra will help Louise with the transition, for which we are grateful.

How about some dates to put on your calendars?

Promotion Dinner at Bingeman's - Monday April 22 Please get tickets in advance.

Quilt Previews: Kitchener City Hall Rotunda - April 25-May 21

Waterloo City Hall Atrium - April 25-May 21

Joseph Schneider Haus - May 1-23

St. Jacobs Mennonite Church - May 21-24

New Hamburg Arena: Final Quilt Preview - Friday May 24 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Quilt Auction - Saturday May 25 - 8:30 a.m. - mid-afternoon

There may be a few quilts hung in new locations in Cambridge and Stratford, but details are not available at this point. If you have access to our website, check for updates as the time gets closer.

Here are a few mundane reminders. We have eliminated knotted comforters and un-embellished baby panels from the quilt auction. We hope that you will check your finished projects carefully for blood spots or stains. We will not try to clean these ourselves, but will contact you if we think there is an issue and ask you to deal with it. If the spots cannot be removed, we have no alternative but to make an announcement at the time of auction. This is not something we like to do, so please be vigilant.

Every year you will see a few quilts listed in the catalogue that were purchased at sales earlier in the year and then donated to our auction. If we get other redonated items, we will make a decision on a quilt-by-quilt basis, depending on the condition of the quilt. We cannot accept quilts that look faded or worn.

Please, write stories about your quilts, and attach labels, which add to their value. If you attach a sleeve for hanging, it makes it easier for us to display it somewhere.

If you have incurred significant costs in making your quilt, for example having paid to get it quilted, and have a receipt to submit, you are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

No doubt many questions have been raised in this letter. The reason the names of our committee members are listed below is to make us available and accountable. Don't be afraid to talk to us! We strive to do our best.

Thank you for the part you play in making this event such a success. We look forward to seeing your masterpieces. Which reminds me, you will be totally amazed at the feature quilt!!!

Sincerely,

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