

## RSVP Volunteers in the Spotlight!

For over 40 years Emanuel's Lutheran Church, along with Lutheran churches throughout the United States, has participated in Lutheran World Relief activities. These activities contribute to the areas of relief in emergencies and support for children's education. The volunteers make and send quilts, school kits, and personal care kits for people who are experiencing emergency situations such as drought, flood, extreme poverty, and refugee status. Some, but not all, of the destinations of the quilts and kits have been Syria, Nicaragua, Burkina Faso, the country of Georgia, and the Philippines.

Other Lutheran organizations and congregation members contribute in-kind donations (for instance, soap, towels, pens, spirals, crayons, assorted fabrics) and assist with the assembly of kits and tacking quilts. Church members have also contributed funds for shipping and the purchase of supplies. Individuals from the community often drop off sewing supplies and materials that are used to make warm, useful - and often pretty - quilts out of used curtains, blankets, fabric showercurtains, sheets, and extra fabrics of all sizes.

While the volunteer group includes some women with sewing experience, participation does not require any advanced skills. On Monday mornings, up to 18 volunteers trim fabric and batting, piece, sew, iron, tack three layers together, and bind the edges of the quilts.

Once a year, approximately 100 School Kits, 80-100 Personal Care Kits, and 270 quilts are taken to a central Texas location for shipping to the Lutheran World Relief Warehouse in Baltimore, MD, for processing and overseas shipping. The LWR of Emanuel's Lutheran Church would like to celebrate the Senior Corps RSVP volunteers and wish them a **Happy Senior Citizen's Day**.

