

Over the years Mission of LOVE has distributed over 10,000 handmade comfort quilts in areas of devastation via tornado's, earthquakes, war and tsunamis. These comfort quilts were sent to our Mission of LOVE from complete strangers who responded to our friend and partner, Luana Rubin, owner of eQuilter.com. eQuilter.com is a business on the Internet that sells fabric, quilt material and needed items in order to make these special comfort quilts. When there is destruction from a earthquake or hurricane, Luana will place on her web site [www.eQuilter.com](http://www.eQuilter.com) a call of compassion to the quilters of the world to respond by making and sending a comfort quilt to Mission of LOVE and in turn, I will open each and every box and repack it in a special bag and we go and distribute them to the people in need. We have given over 10,000 comfort quilts to the victims of Japan, Katrina, Haiti, Sandy, 911, Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation in South Dakota, and the Mayan orphans and cleft palate patients of Guatemala, and now to the tornado victims of Moore, Oklahoma.

Know that I have just returned from driving our 400 Mission of LOVE / eQuilter.com Comfort Quilts to Moore, Oklahoma and there are NO words to even describe this journey to meet with the victims who lost a child, lost a home and teachers who literally shielded their students with their bodies to protect them. Some of the parents not only lost a child but also lost their home. These comfort quilts were donated from ALL of our United States, Switzerland and England. Listening to the young first responders tell of the horror that existed that day in Moore replays over and over in my head. When we arrived in Moore, Oklahoma we were met by Mayor Tim Kerner and Mayor Glenn Stevens. Mayor Glenn Stevens told of his communities loss and his gratitude for the kindness of strangers via our comfort quilts, his words were very emotional. Mayor Tim Kerner shared with Mayor Stevens when Mission of LOVE medical and building team arrived into his community of Jean Lafitte, Louisiana after his community was affected by two hurricanes. Meeting the teachers, who lost a child, lost a home and who were living out of their cars made me question the fate of humanity.

I would like to share with you a story about ONE child, Christopher. Christopher was nine years old suffering from melanoma cancer and Christopher was just given a clean bill of health after years of cancer treatment two weeks prior to the tornado. Christopher was in school protecting two of his classmates and died of a broken back when the school wall came crushing down, his two classmates survived that he was protecting. I met Waynel who had her 23 students under desks, holding hands singing and praying while the tornado passed. These children survived because of the teachers who gave of themselves unconditional, the schools were left in a rubble and not standing when all was over. Seeing once what was a school of flattened land and enclosed with seven little crosses continues to replay in my mind. These teachers had no real time to prepare for such a tornado and no shelter where they could be

protected. 24 people died in this Tornado as the twisters devastated buildings in a 17 mile track.

Being your representative of distributing those comfort quilts to over 400 mothers, teachers, students, and first responders was one of the most humbling and emotional days of my life. The stories that were told, the hugs that were given, the tears that were shed all under the auspice of a Mission of LOVE/ eQuilter Comfort Quilt was one of healing and great love for ALL concerned. As they hugged their new comfort quilt, many of the folks shared with us that their families all lost their hundred year old family quilts due to the tornado and were so grateful to have a replacement knowing that their new quilt was made with the true essence of love and compassion.

I would like to thank the Comfort quilters of our world who gave so unconditionally, Luana Rubin for being such a true advocate of humanity and our Mission of LOVE community for supporting our ongoing efforts.

“For the LOVE of Moore” with their donations. Lenny from Handel's Ice Cream in Boardman and Poland, Ohio who once again allowed our Mission of LOVE to sponsor a collection site so that the community could also support the needs of Moore, Oklahoma. Our Mission of LOVE for Moore, Oklahoma was accomplished because of ALL of you.

Know that we will be returning to help re-build the homes of the Mothers/ teachers who not only lost their child but also lost their home on that day when all hell broke loose in Moore, Oklahoma, only to find out after the tornado that they had lost their insurance because of a previous hail storm a month prior to the tornado and the insurance company never informed the people of Moore and in the night, left town. Mayor Tim Kerner of Jean Lafitte, Louisiana and Mayor Glenn Stevens of Moore, Oklahoma and I have decided that the best thing that we can do right now is start building homes. The need is now for these families to procure a home to try to get their lives and families back together. Can you only imagine in the blink of an eye, your every possession has been taken by the wind? I cannot even begin to have such a feeling but know in my heart that we as the Mission of LOVE can and will do whatever we can to help with this burden these families are going thru in Moore, Oklahoma - ONE family at a time. We are seeking donations of money in order to purchase building supplies in Oklahoma and have our Mission of LOVE building team arrive to rebuild together Sacred Homes for those in need.

With sincere gratitude and love,

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