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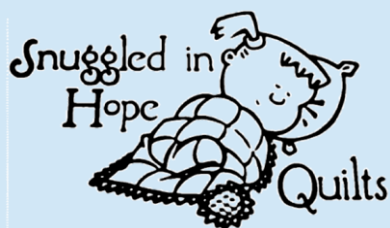
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I have been involved Snuggled in Hope since the beginning years, Sewing, in many forms, has been part of my entire life. But quilting was something I knew very little about.

When I retired from teaching in 2012, I wanted to continue doing something for children but not in a school setting, do some sort of community volunteer work and learn more about the art of quilting. I tried several types of volunteering, but none seemed to be a good fit. The opportunity to be part of this group that was going to make quilts for Flying Horse Farms came up, it felt like a good match for me.

The odd thing is, I have done a lot of different things with and for Snuggled - except for quilting! That part still intimidates me. I am happy and content to work more behind the scenes to help with multiple steps of preparations, testing new patterns, piecing tops and communicating about Snuggled.

Snuggled has become my extended family. It has brought new friendships, lots of learning and some leadership opportunities. I look forward to seeing familiar faces at our events, catching up with people since our last gathering, as we bond over sewing machines, ironing boards and cutting mats. I love that we come from such varied backgrounds, experiences, interests and abilities on a regular basis, share our stories, and spend time working side-by-side with no stress to meet deadlines, and YAY-no quilting police! LOL.

A unique characteristic of Snuggled, as an organization, is that each person can work when and where they choose; at our scheduled locations, among small groups at other sites or individually in the comfort of home.

My stripology ruler and 60mm rotary cutter are my favorite toys in my comfort zone and happy place, especially after granny-nanny time with my 3 grandkids. Picking up their toys can wait. Let me touch some fabric and calm my soul. My dream is to teach them all to sew one day.

I do have one big fear about Snuggled, but that is something I would prefer to share in a less public way. Ask me when you need a chuckle for the day!