

Dear Quilters and Donors,

Greetings from the Missouri Quilt Festival Committee! We are looking forward to this year's event that will be held in September. It will be here before we know it! Every year, we are incredibly grateful for your quilt making talents and for those who donate and purchase the quilts. It is so meaningful to have generous donors like you who wholeheartedly believe in and support the Missouri Baptist Children's Home (MBCH).

The 2025 auction raised over \$24,800 – with the top quilt bringing \$5000! Praise the Lord! With your assistance, services offered by MBCH continue to grow and expand to meet the ever-growing needs of children, youth and families across the state of Missouri. This past year new prevention programs were launched to keep kids out of the foster care system in Kansas City and St. Louis. The LIGHT House administrative services and outreach programs moved to a new stand-alone location where they can increase the services we provide. This year we will be expanding our ministry to those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities by repurposing our group home in Peculiar. We have also been awarded state Chafee contracts to begin offering services to youth ages 18-21 transitioning out of the foster care system across Northwest and Southwest Missouri. We look forward to impacting their lives for Christ!

Over the past several years we have been struggling to get buyers to attend the Missouri Quilt Festival and manage the vast generosity of the wonderful quilters. We have, however, had wonderful support from our Quilters both for quilts for the event and in partnering with MBCH throughout the year for sewing needs.

We are going to make some AWESOME changes for 2026.

1. We are changing the name to Stitched in Love. The new logo is at the bottom of the letter.
2. We are not going to have a Quilt Auction. Instead, we want to encourage you to donate quilts to the many programs of MBCH. We serve many children, youth and families and need quilts for them. We give out over 1,000 Quilts each year, but know that the need is greater. We know you can meet the need!
3. MBCH also has other sewing project needs that they could use your help with. If you are interested in making some of these projects or having a Charity Sew Day, please contact Ben King with MBCH Foundation at ben.king@mbch.org or 816.472.9072.
4. The Quilted Cow Raymore is Hosting 3 Charity Sew Days (prices and dates TBD) and a Charity Sew Retreat (\$250 /person) on September 25- 26, 2026. For more information go to our website www.mbch.org/Stitched-in-Love and the Facebook page facebook.com/moquiltfest. On the backside is a QR Code to preregister for these events or you can preregister on our website www.mbch.org/Stitched-in-Love

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Event Committee by email at moquiltfest@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support,
Stitched in Love A Charity Sew Day Committee

