

RHS Staff Service Project Gives Injured US Soldiers “Sew Much Comfort”



Sew Much Comfort regional director Pat Quintero (center) and her husband Bob (right) presented Romulus High School principal Dan Hurst and secretaries Paula Smith (left) and Diane Bishop with a plaque recognizing the entire staff’s generous donation of cash, gift cards, sewing needs, and clothing items.

Last Christmas, the staff members at Romulus High School made a real difference in the lives of wounded US soldiers through their annual holiday community-service project.

“Each year, the High School puts up a tree in the main office, and puts tags on it,” explained RHS secretary Paula Smith. “All building staff are invited to choose a tag, and bring the identified item to the office or to the December staff meeting.

“This year,” she continued, “the organization Sew Much Comfort was chosen for our ‘giving tree.’ I saw a story about them on a local news channel last year, and proposed to Principal [Dan] Hurst and the staff that we adopt them for our 2007 project. The staff responded well to this request, and we provided Sew Much Comfort with cash donations, gift cards, sewing needs and clothing items that will be altered for our men and women who have been injured while serving our country.”

Smith said meeting Sew Much Comfort regional director Pat Quintero and her husband Bob was a rewarding experience.

“When I first contacted Pat, I could really feel the energy and love that she has

for Sew Much Comfort, and then we met Bob, who has just as much energy and love for the organization,” she explained. “Pat provided us with a wish list and, from there, tags were put on our tree. The staff really came through.”

Smith said that Pat and Bob have many stories to share about the success of Sew Much Comfort, and their excitement about the organization is contagious.

“There’s a Web site – www.sewmuchcomfort.org – that we encourage everyone to visit. The Web site tells how the organization was started by cofounders Ginger Dosedel and Michele Cuppy. There are clips showing Ginger being honored as an ABC News ‘Person of the Week,’ and one of the volunteers with Sew Much Comfort visiting an injured serviceman in the hospital.

“Before there was Sew Much Comfort to alter clothing for our injured service folks, it was not uncommon for them to have only hospital gowns to wear while they recuperated in the hospital – in some cases for months at a time.

“We at Romulus High School are proud to have been able to give to such a wonderful organization.” □