

## NC JAYCEE BURN CENTER QUILT: CREATING CAROLINA CARE

The holidays were fast approaching and Grace Schmits, Nurse Manager of the NC Jaycee Burn Unit, was searching high and low for a fun group activity for her staff. The answer came to her in the shape of a 12x12 square white cloth. Each staff member decorated his or her square to their liking, making it theirs. As the days went on, Grace was amazed to see so many beautiful and different squares. Staff members put their names on each square. It was not long before wonderful descriptive words started to anonymously appear on the squares. Co-workers were secretly writing words like, “funny”, “brave”, “respectful”, “caring” and “awesome”. It became very apparent to Grace that these squares were becoming something much more powerful than a holiday activity. Grace collected all of the squares and attached them to a comforter creating a very unique quilt. The quilt was raffled off at the holiday party but it was quickly dedicated back to the unit. It’s permanent home is in the family and friends waiting room.

### The North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center Red Quilt

This quilt is brought to you from all the staff at the Burn Center.

Feel free to use it during your stay with us.

Our hope for you and your loved ones is as the quilt surrounds you in warmth and comfort,  
so does the care we provide you and your loved one.

There are many layers to the care we provide and the care you and your family will receive.

The quilt is a symbol of those many layers of services to come.

The Red background color is intentional. Red also expresses among many other things heat, fire and burn, passion, spicy, strong, intense, and emotional. We will be passionate about the care we provide. Strong in our convictions to give the best, at times intense, emotional and “spicy” as we strive to heal you and your family and give you the very best we have to offer.

The blanket is colorful, bright, rich, vivid, and lively, full of character very much like you and your family as well as our own staff. We serve many wonderful varied personalities, cultural backgrounds, ethnicities, gifts, strengths, and talents. The rich color very much reflects the rich history of The Burn Center, the incredible gifts we are blessed and empowered with every moment, and the blessing of being able to serve you.

As you can see it is tied, glued and bound together - just as we are close and joined. We are family serving family. We are bound together by a common mission, goals. Binding also describes where we are going in the future, not at a snail’s pace but by leaps and bounds as we move forward to improve burn care and caring for the citizens of North Carolina.

A very special thank you to those that contributed to the making of this quilt.

We wish those using it warmth and comfort during your stay with us.

## The North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center Quilt

Many staff members participated in creating the quilt including nurses, nursing assistants, HUCS, physicians, OT, PT, Recreational therapy, and Respiratory therapy.

Below: A detail of the quilt



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