



Quilters sew up a charity windfall

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A STRATHMORE resident has put her needle and thread to use for a good cause and created a one-of-a-kind quilt that she hopes will raise thousands of dollars for an Essendon charity.

Sarah Davidson, 47, is one of 21 top Victorian quilters who worked to create a 2.2-metre quilt that was unveiled at the Craft and Quilt Fair at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre at the weekend.

It was made in the hope of raising \$20,000 for the Caroline Chisholm Society. Tickets to win the quilt cost \$20 each.

Featuring hand-embroidered flowers, lyrebirds and eagles, the quilt took more than 1000 hours to complete.

What started as something she could do at son Adam's basketball training has become a life's passion for Ms Davidson.

"I've always love creating things with my hands," she says.

"Quilting was something I could take with me wherever I went. A well-made quilt can be around for hundreds of years and be passed down through generations."

Ms Davidson says she was inspired to become involved in the project to help the community's most vulnerable.

“The Caroline Chisholm Society does a lot of work with women and children. With three children of my own I wanted to do something to help families who aren’t as lucky as we are,” she says. “If we can make somebody’s life a little easier, it’s a worthy cause.”

Ms Davidson says some quilts she has made have taken years to complete and perfect. “One I’m working on now has taken me a year and half so far.”

» To buy a ticket in the draw to win the quilt, visittrybooking.com.au.